

Battling to Divide Balkan War's Spoils Rivals Target Natural Resources

By Steve Coll

ZAGREB, Croatia — In a war in which the spoils often are limited to houses and looted...

They blame the limits of their present peace-keeping mandate.

Serbs, meanwhile, accuse the United Nations of proposing a map to divide Bosnia that would leave them, as one Serbian commentator put it, with nothing but "wasteland."

The main lightning rod for such disputes these days is the map of Bosnia proposed by the international mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen.

Under the Vance-Owen boundaries, provinces controlled by Muslim and Croatian ethnic minorities would have most of Bosnia's existing military and civilian factories, including those that generated the most wealth before the war.

There are disputes about whether this plan is fair. A common complaint is that the Serbs would be granted land and resources acquired through aggression.

UN negotiators argue that economically, at least, the Vance-Owen map's division of resources is tougher on the Serbs and better for Bosnian Muslims than critics generally allow.

"The Serbs come to us by the hour and say, 'You have left us with stones and rattlesnakes,'" said a senior UN official familiar with the negotiations.

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A UN soldier with a child Sunday in Sarajevo. The UN chief said the body's members may need to send troops to Bosnia. Page 4.

Far Right Posts Strong Showing in German Vote

Republicans Win 9.3% In Frankfurt on Fears Of Rising Immigration

By Craig R. Whitney

BONN — Candidates from the extreme right made strong gains in municipal and district elections Sunday in the prosperous West German state of Hesse, with the ultranationalist Republican Party taking 9.3 percent of the vote in Frankfurt, the banking and financial capital.

The rightists' gains came mainly at the expense of the opposition party, the Social Democrats, but Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats also suffered losses.

Mainstream politicians all over the country expressed concern about the strong extremist showing at the expense of centrist parties, after an autumn marked by a nationwide surge of nationalist violence against foreign asylum-seekers and a winter of intense soul-searching.

In Frankfurt, where 170,000 of the 628,000 residents are foreigners and do not have the right to vote, the Republicans won 10 of the 93 city council seats. Their share of the vote in the city was up sharply from the 6.6 percent won in 1989 by the National Democrats, another rightist party that has since faded out of the picture.

According to computer projections, the Republicans won 8.1 percent throughout the state of Hesse.

While nearly 450,000 asylum-seekers entered Germany in 1992 and 74,350 in the first two months of 1993, the Republicans have called for stronger measures to control the influx and to keep the federal government from being forced to force local communities to house the immigrants, who are now coming mainly from Romania and Bulgaria.

Millions of Germans all over the country took to the streets with candles between November and January to express contention for more than 2,200 acts of nationalist violence that killed seven foreigners and 10 Germans last year, and representatives of all the main national parties expressed disappointment in the results on Sunday.

In the only German vote of any significance before a series of state contests and a national election late next year, the Republicans maintained the momentum they gained in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg last April, and in Berlin last May where they won 10 percent of the vote.

Andreas von Schoeler, Frankfurt's Social Democratic mayor, described the results for his party as "a terrible lack of confidence." The Social Democrats won only 32 percent, down from 40.1 percent four years ago. Mr. von Schoeler said he hoped to hold onto his job by keeping the support of the environmentalist Green Party, which won 14 percent of the vote, up from 10.2 percent.

Heinrich Frank, the insurance salesman who headed the Republican state in Frankfurt, said that the party would try to stop cash assistance payments to foreign asylum-seekers. He said that it would also try to abolish the city's office of multicultural affairs which is headed by the Danish student leader, who won notoriety in the Paris student revolts of 1968.

National issues, including the influx of asylum-seekers, record postwar unemployment, and the seeming inability of Mr. Kohl's coalition to come to grips with the problems of reunification, framed the voting on Sunday.

So did worries about the possibility of a substantial raise in gasoline taxes and the introduction of a fee for using the German autobahn network, measures that may be adopted to pay for the unexpectedly high costs of rebuilding

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For Asia's Dragons, Industrial Policy Can Be a Double-Edged Sword

By Paul Blustein

KIHEUNG, South Korea — When Americans talk about the benefits of "industrial policy," they often have in mind the kind of cooperation between industry and government that helped build the Samsung Electronics computer chip factory in Kiheung.

Such close affinity between business and government is a hallmark of most of East Asia's "miracle" economies, notably Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore.

The government gave us just a small amount of money, compared with what we spent ourselves," said Samsung's executive vice president, Lee Yoon Woo. What really mattered, Mr. Lee said, was that "the government wanted to support us," because Samsung considered itself to be "working for the government," despite being a private company.

Such close affinity between business and government is a hallmark of most of East Asia's "miracle" economies, notably Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore. Except in free-market Hong Kong, the governments of East Asia's economic dynamo actively steer firms out of dying businesses and into promising ones.

Last month, the Clinton administration took a step toward this Asian approach by unveiling a new, activist policy for fostering advanced technologies. Visiting California's Silicon Val-

ley, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore outlined a broad plan to steer \$17 billion in tax breaks and government spending into high-tech endeavors, including a program for Washington to join with U.S. automakers in developing a "clean" car of the future.

The Asian experience supports the case for investment in high-tech infrastructure projects, such as Mr. Clinton's proposal for an "information superhighway" that would use fiber optic networks to link computers and data banks at universities, government research labs and, ultimately, high schools and businesses.

high economic growth rate, is a living advertisement for how such investments encourage industrial development. In fact, Singapore has embarked on a 15-year project similar to Mr. Clinton's to create a "national information infrastructure," linking all of Singapore's factories, offices and homes in a computerized network for transmitting text, sound and video images.

Such public investments have tended to pay off in Asia. Studies have linked Japan's high productivity growth to its high level of public investment relative to other industrial powers.

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A Prevention Idea to 'Stamp AIDS Out'

By Gina Kolata

NEW YORK — With AIDS now entrenched in many American cities, some experts are reaching a startling and controversial conclusion. They say the epidemic in the United States can be all but stamped out, even without a vaccine or wonder drug, by prevention efforts that zero in on neighborhoods in 25 to 30 areas across the nation.

one is at risk of acquiring AIDS and have advocated that messages promoting less risky behavior be broadcast scattershot. Some still vehemently support that notion, saying that because AIDS has spread throughout the United States, it is fruitless to focus on a few neighborhoods.

But other experts from a variety of disciplines are now arguing otherwise. They cite two reasons: the pattern of the spread of AIDS and the success of programs that have focused tightly on affected groups and neighborhoods.

Their view has emerged from a recent analysis by a committee of the National Research Council that suggests that AIDS is devastating

a handful of neighborhoods while leaving most of the nation relatively unscathed.

In its report, "The Social Impact of AIDS," the council said the epidemic was "settling into" geographically and socially isolated groups and possibly becoming endemic in them.

As a result, the committee wrote, "many geographic areas and strata of the population are virtually untouched by the epidemic and probably never will be," while "certain confined areas and populations have been devastated."

The second reason for a new approach is data now emerging, mostly from abroad, that show

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Rebels Capture Angola's Second City

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Government troops surrendered Huambo, Angola's second-largest city, to the rebel forces of UNITA after a two-month battle, government military officials said Sunday.

UNITA, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, announced it would resume peace talks if the government stopped bombing Huambo.

The government's general staff said on Angolan state television that government

troops had withdrawn from Huambo after 56 days of fierce fighting.

Defeat in Huambo, 530 kilometers (329 miles) southeast of Luanda, the capital, is a serious setback for the government, which

coined thousands of troops to the battle. President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said Sunday the government would seek foreign military assistance to help subdue the rebel army, which has taken control of three-quarters of the country.

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General News China and Hong Kong have joined forces in a fight against crime. Page 5.

Destroying Dikes, Dutch Go Against Flow of History

By Marise Simons

MIJDRICHT, Netherlands — In the soggy lowlands south of Amsterdam, 5.4 meters below sea level, the Netherlands is rolling back history: a large expanse of farmland reclaimed a century ago is to be flooded again to revert to marshland and lakes.

In the uplands farther east, an arm of the Rhine, tightly hemmed in by walls and jetties, will be free to meander. In some places the unthinkable is already happening: bulldozers are punching holes in dikes to let a river spill into flood plains and recreate alluvial forest.

For more than a thousand years, the Dutch have wrestled land from the sea and, in the process, turned this swampy and unstable river delta into today's prosperous nation. But the Dutch have concluded that the intense manipulation of land and water has in many instances become too costly and damaging, playing havoc with water tables, sinking the lowlands further and polluting fields and aquifers.

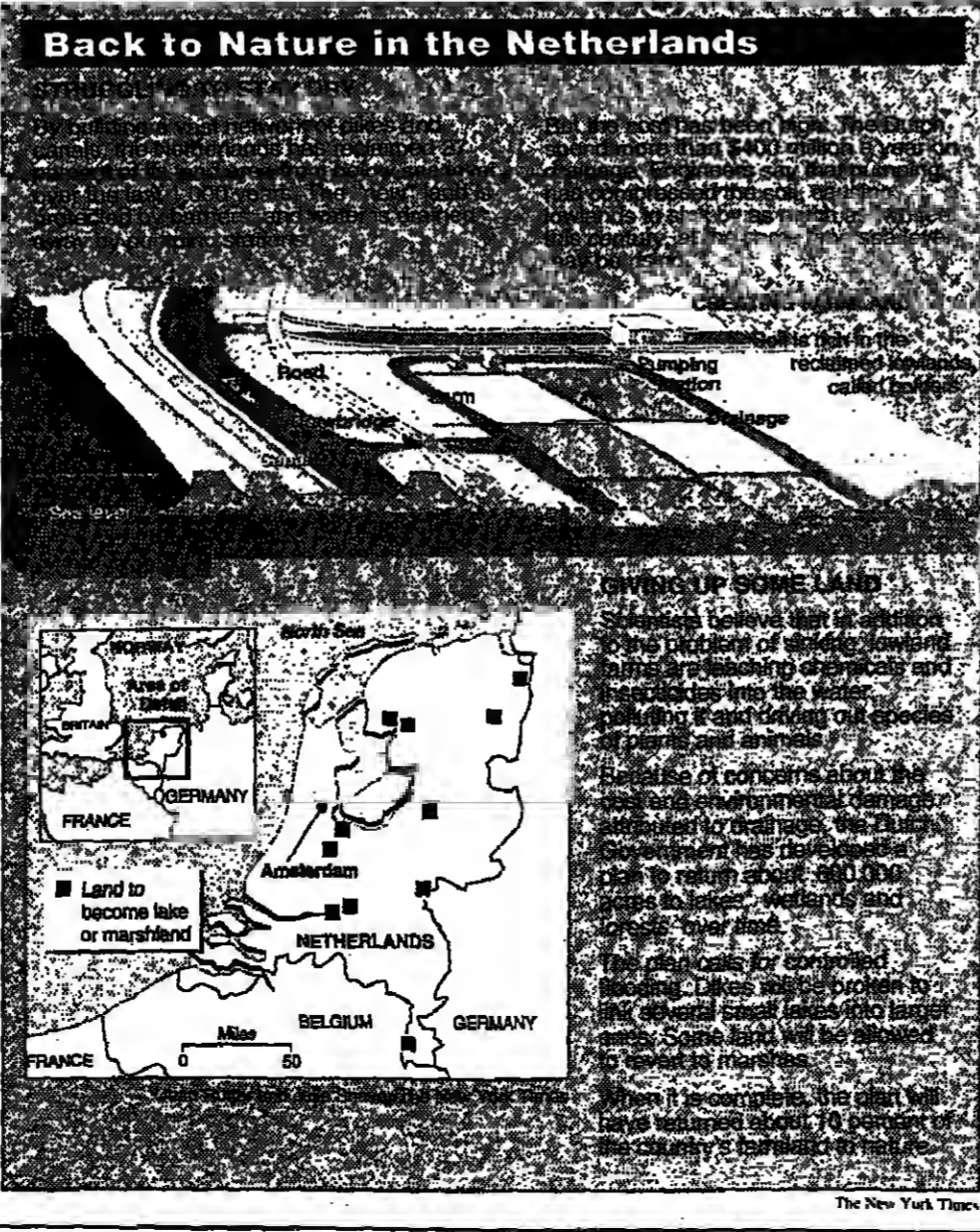
Dutch farmers have achieved some of the world's highest yields per hectare of flowers, vegetables, meat and produce, but their constant manuring of the land and use of chemicals have also driven out numerous native plant and animal species. Even the daisy is dwindling, the government has noted, and larger creatures like the stork, long a national symbol, have disappeared. The last known one was killed by a car about five years ago.

"We've become like a big artificial park, where every centimeter is dammed in, sprayed, fertilized, grazed or cultivated or else it's paved and inhabited," said Maarten Poreen, an agronomist. "We are being suffocated by our diligence."

Under an ambitious "master plan for nature," the government is buying up tens of thousands of hectares to stop "the overall deterioration and decline of the Dutch landscape." The plan, approved in 1990, is now in its initial stages and eventually aims to restore some 240,000 hectares, almost one-tenth of the present farmland, to forest, wetlands and lakes.

The Dutch nature plan has been made easier, officials say, by recent changes in EC agricultural policy. Farmers must now take 15 percent of their land out of use if they want to benefit from milk

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Police Focus on Mosque Links Blast Suspect Possibly Tied to Islamic Jihad

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Investigators in search of a motive for the bombing of the World Trade Center are focusing on the main suspect's affiliation with a mosque in New Jersey led by an Islamic cleric who advocates violence, according to federal officials.

They also said they were looking into the possibility that the suspect, Mohammed Salameh, 25, may have links to militant groups using the umbrella name Islamic Jihad, who in the past have carried out violent attacks against Israeli and United States targets in the Middle East.

As a Palestinian whose family was displaced by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, Mr. Salameh

could have particular reason to be antagonistic toward Israel and its allies, such as the United States, investigators said.

While the Iranian-backed Party of God is the group most often associated with Islamic Jihad, other

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er groups, including those led by Palestinians, have also operated under that umbrella title.

In a broadcast Sunday, Iranian television said that the Iranian Foreign Ministry, while deploring any terrorist act against innocent people, condemned charges that Iran played a role in such acts. Iran

pointed the finger at Mossad, the Israeli secret service.

In addition, the United Arab Emirates newspaper, Khaleej Times, said the U.S. media were ignoring the "major role" played by "the Israeli Joseph Hadas." When Mr. Salameh rented the van that authorities believe transported the bomb, he gave the rental agency the telephone number of Miss Hadas, a woman whose age, ethnic background and nationality have not been revealed by authorities.

FBI officials would not comment on whether Miss Hadas was an Israeli or had any links to Israeli intelligence. The spokesman Joe Valiquette said: "We have no idea

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U.S. Justice White May Retire

By Joan Biskupic

WASHINGTON — Justice Byron R. White, a liberal who eventually joined the Supreme Court's conservative bloc, apparently is considering resigning from the bench.

His departure would likely blunt the conservative trend on the court that started in 1969, when Warren E. Burger replaced Chief Justice Earl Warren. Conservative doctrine gained in the 1980s and early 1990s as Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush named five justices and elevated William H. Rehnquist to chief in 1986.

Justice White, 75, who was appointed by John F. Kennedy, has said that since he came in with a Democratic administration it would be fitting to retire under one. He has been on the court 31 years.

People close to Justice White say they believe he is

weighing whether to retire at the end of this term, around July 1. He has not yet hired clerks for the next term, for which work begins this summer.

"It would be consistent with him not to wait to step down until he was out of energy," Tom Campbell, a Stanford University law professor, said of Justice White — still a strong, physically imposing man who exercises regularly and is notorious for his visegrup handshake. Mr. Campbell, a former Republican congressman from California, was his clerk in the 1977 term.

Mr. Campbell and other academicians say that Justice White's resignation would impede the power of the hard-line conservative camp, made up of Chief Justice Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and, most of the time, Justice White, and diminish its

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# Q & A: N.Y. Blast Points Up a New U.S. Vulnerability

*Amid fears that the World Trade Center blast signals a new wave of terrorism, Roy Godson, director of the National Strategic Information Center, a private research agency in Washington, discussed the international implications of the bombing with Joseph Fitchett of the International Herald Tribune.*

Q. Who did it?  
 A. Almost certainly a Muslim group. But there are two possible logics: it's too early to say which. It could have been very much what it seems — a group of disgruntled American Muslims, who somehow thought it would serve the interests of Islam to do this. In other words, it could be very inept: the Muslims who couldn't shoot straight. Or the group under arrest could have been working for — manipulated by — another organization, a maverick outside the United States.

It's too early to say anything that specific about this operation. We don't even know whether it was intended for the truck to explode when and where it did.

All we know is that the group was collecting dynamite for a terrorist operation of a kind that points to a new American vulnerability.

Q. I presume you mean foreign-inspired terrorism. There is lots of indigenous violence in the United States — look at the religious cult involved in the standoff in Texas. How have Americans escaped terrorism at home?  
 A. Violence, even to advance your own ends, and that the Waco gunman apparently believes he's doing, is very different from terrorism, in the European and Middle Eastern tradition, of attacking the system in hopes of producing a political change.

A key reason we haven't had much of the latter is that traditionally, the United States, even though it is a country of immigration, has not had large diasporas of foreign populations in our midst. But that is changing. For example, as many as 20,000 poor Chinese are being smuggled into the United States annually by gangs, and these illegal immigrants become indentured servants of these mobs.

The fundamentalist mosque attended by the suspect in the trade center bomb-

ing has links to the man jailed in connection with the assassination of Meir Kahane, the rabbi who championed a hard-line attitude among Israeli settlers in the West Bank. The point is that foreign communities are developing in America that could provide an infrastructure for terrorism here.

Q. Could the explosion have been the work of Latin American drug dealers?  
 A. Logically, it might have been a Colombian drug cartel, but practically, speaking it's unlikely. Those organizations are on the defensive vis-à-vis Washington and don't want a worse quarrel. And they have no record of successfully infiltrating groups such as the Muslim circle involved here.

Q. Since the end of the Cold War, international terrorism has virtually ended. Was the West lulled into a false impression of security?  
 A. No, the major state sponsors of terrorism stopped exporting it to the West — meaning Iran, Libya, Iraq, Syria. The Iranians continued training in Sudan and kept up their worldwide networks,

but they have not been ordering operations.

Basically, they were afraid that the United States, suddenly the sole superpower and very worked up about terrorism, might shift from a strategy of law enforcement to a military method of punishing terrorist states. Also, they had nothing to gain by provoking the United States, which is the country they need to court for international favors.

The potential for international terrorism has always been there, bound to come back sooner or later.

Q. So was this the opening shot in a new campaign backed by some well-organized international terrorist underground that has been hidden in the United States?  
 A. If you were trying to hide an international operation, the United States would not be the ideal place to do it — banking laws are too strict, police work is too good. More likely, this incident points to a more important new trend: the upsurge of organized violence in the world, including the West. Basically, it is tribalism. Sometimes it can seem crime-related, but in fact the ethnic bonding is

more important than the criminal motive.

Q. What will the United States do now? What long-term significance do you see in this incident?  
 A. We often react strongly to an incident, then forget it quickly unless there are recurrences, beyond the almost inevitable copycat incidents. What is important as a trend, in my view, is the new risk of terrorist violence that reflects a worldwide breakdown of the ability of states, including liberal democracies, to provide for the needs of people. The consequence could be a rise in ethnic, religious and urban violence as individuals turn to gangs of their own kind because they are unable to enter the system.

Up until now, Americans — with wait in our own system — have tended to ignore the rise of this kind of new, post-Cold War violence around the world, or at least think that it was overgoing to happen here. Now I think that we're going to have to pay more attention to global trends — notably, the fact that we have large, unassimilated communities of the sort that have been the basis for terrorism in the past in Europe.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Russia Fires Officers in Cadet Deaths

MOSCOW (WP) — The Russian Navy, officially acknowledging a scandal that has come to symbolize the hounding of a once-proud military, dismissed several high-ranking officers Sunday for allowing recruits to die of malnutrition and neglect.

Russians have become accustomed to stories of appalling housing conditions, rising crime and suicide rates and brutal hazing in the armed forces. But they were shocked to see photographs of young recruits looking more like "prisoners in Nazi concentration camps," as one newspaper said, and to read that several conscripts had died and dozens more had been hospitalized as a result of emaciation, pneumonia and related diseases. Journalists and a dissident naval officer in Russia's Far East reported that surviving recruits were 30 to 70 pounds underweight after only two months of service.

Admiral Gennadi Khvatov, commander of the Pacific Fleet, was "severely punished," Tass said, without giving details. Two captains who headed training sea schools, a colonel who headed the Pacific Fleet medical service and several medical officers were fired, it reported. A rear admiral in charge of logistics was severely reprimanded.

### 41,000 Free in South Korea Amnesty

SEOUL — President Kim Young Sam has granted amnesty to more than 41,000 criminals and dissidents. Among those released were the dissident leader Moon Il Ewan, 73, Presbyterian minister who was jailed in 1989 for visiting North Korea without government permission, and about 140 other political prisoners.

Although the South Korean government has never acknowledged holding political prisoners, human rights groups here have asserted that as many as 1,500 people are in jail for political actions against former governments.

### Bomb Hoax Delays Jet in Belgrade

BELGRADE (Reuters) — A bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax forced a Sabena airliner on a Brussels-to-Tel Aviv flight to land here Sunday. The Airbus A-310, carrying 128 passengers and a crew of eight, continued after a five-hour police search found nothing suspicious aboard, air traffic controllers said.

The plane was diverted after an anonymous telephone call to Sabena's Tel Aviv representative. "He was told that there were four terrorists on board armed with bombs and explosives," an airline spokesman said. "For obvious reasons we decided to put the plane down in Belgrade."

### Zambia Arrests Another Kaunda Son

LUSAKA, Zambia (Reuters) — Police said Sunday that another son of Kenneth Kaunda, the former president, had been arrested in connection with an alleged coup plot. They said that Tiyenji Kaunda and another official of the United National Independence Party were among those arrested over the weekend, bringing the total of detainees to 21.

Saying that the opposition was plotting a coup, President Frederick Chiluba declared a state of emergency last week. Among the first people arrested was another of Kenneth Kaunda's sons, Major Wezi Kaunda, head of security for the Independence Party.

### 4th Minister Quits Italian Cabinet

ROME (Combined Dispatches) — Environment Minister Carlo Ripa di Meana of the Socialist Party announced his resignation Sunday, saying he was opposed to a government move to decriminalize cases of illegal funding of political parties.

He was the fourth minister to quit the eight-month-old government of Prime Minister Giuliano Amato. Three ministers quit in the past few weeks after they came under investigation in the scandal.

Prosecutors exposing systematic political corruption in a nationwide scandal also denounced a "political solution" to the kickback scandal that has dragged down industrialists, former ministers, mayors and other politicians from all major parties. The Italian news agency ANSA quoted Mr. Ripa di Meana as saying he quit because he viewed the government decree as "dangerous." (AP, AP)

### Rightists in France Re-elect Chirac

PARIS (AP) — Members of the rightist Rally for the Republic, anticipating victory in parliamentary elections later this month, confirmed Jacques Chirac as their leader on Sunday and renewed calls for President François Mitterrand to resign.

The police, meanwhile, reported clashes in Paris and Orleans between militants of the extreme-right National Front and its opponents. No injuries were reported.

At a rally in suburban Paris, 30,000 Rally for the Republic members re-elected Mr. Chirac, the mayor of Paris, as they prepared for the elections on March 21 and 28. Polls show a coalition of the party and the center-right Union for French Democracy defeating the governing Socialists and winning more than 400 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly.

### Argentines Give Up a Secret Project

BUENOS AIRES (NYT) — Using Spain as a go-between, Argentina has handed over most of the components of a secret ballistic missile project known as the Condor II to the United States for destruction, officials here disclosed. The delivery brought Argentina close to fulfilling a promise made two years ago by President Carlos Menem to dismantle the project, financed mostly by Iraq.

Had the program been completed, the missiles could have eventually been used to deliver biological, chemical and nuclear warheads within a 500-mile (800-kilometer) range. A shipment of nearly all the Condor II parts was sent to Spain in early January and placed under control of U.S. officials.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

Unions representing drivers for Metro and RER suburban lines in Paris have announced a series of strikes beginning Wednesday. Metro strikes are possible before 7 A.M. and during the hours between 5 P.M. and 9 P.M., the unions said. (IHT)

Bulgaria's worst snowstorms in several years have disrupted road, rail, and air links across the country, the Transport Ministry said, and the main part of Varna, on the Black Sea, was closed. (Reuters)

### This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

- MONDAY: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Ukraine.
- TUESDAY: Belize.
- WEDNESDAY: Liberia.
- THURSDAY: Malaysia.
- FRIDAY: Lesotho.
- SATURDAY: Cuba.

Source: J.P. Morgan, Reuters.

## Suspect's Arrest Stuns His Family

By Clyde Haberman  
*New York Times Service*

**BIDYA**, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — With the certitude of an old woman who knows what she knows, Amneh Odeh insisted Sunday that United States federal agents must be wrong in accusing her grandson, Mohammed Salameh, of involvement in the World Trade Center bombing.

"This is unbelievable," the 80-year-old woman said as she lay beneath several blankets in her sparsely furnished bedroom, where she is recovering from a recent heart attack.

"He was like other children — he went to play, he went to school," she said. "Then he went to the United States, and while he was working he sent money back home. He was kind to his family."

It is seven or eight years since Mrs. Odeh and other relatives here last saw Mr. Salameh, who was born in this village of stone and stucco houses in September 1967. That, Bidya residents say, was only two or three months before his parents left the West Bank, then newly occupied by Israel, and resettled in neighboring Jordan.

The FBI suspects him of being tied to a radical Muslim group in the United States.

But his bedridden grandmother says that does not sound like the young man she knew when she last visited his family at its home in Zarqa, a mining town northeast of the Jordanian capital of Amman. "His family are regular Muslims," she said in a firm voice. "It is strange to hear such things. Do you think that a real Muslim would do such a thing? We are religious people. We are believers. But you can't say that we are extremists. We fast during Ramadan, and we go and pray. But that's all."

Similar remarks were made by relatives in Zarqa. They told Western news agencies that while Mohammed Salameh had without doubt become deeply religious before leaving for the United States in

1987 or early 1988, spending much time in the mosque and reading the Koran, he was not an Islamic fundamentalist and certainly not a killer.

"I am sure of America's fair justice, and that my son will come out of this nightmare soon," Aysha Salameh, Mrs. Odeh's daughter and the accused man's mother, told The Associated Press. "I am not," she added, "the mother of a terrorist."

At least half of Bidya's 8,000 residents belong to the Salameh clan, although they are broken up into a dozen extended families and go by varying names.

Bidya's people farm the land and work in Tel Aviv, 17 miles (27 kilometers) away, or in several nearby Israeli settlements.

The accounts of relatives here and in Jordan mesh fairly well. Mohammed Salameh, they say, is the eldest among the 11 children of Aysha and Amin Salameh, the father now retired as an officer in the Jordanian Army and working for a shipping agency.

A brother-in-law in Bidya, Amer Abu Baker, said that Amin Salameh had moved to Jordan shortly before the outbreak of the 1967 war, and then brought over his wife and infant son at the end of that year.

Given how young he was when he left, and the fact that he has not been back since he was a small boy, Mohammed Salameh is little known in his birthplace. Israeli officials also say they have no information on him. "He is not involved in any activity here that we know of," said Oded Ben-Ami, a Defense Ministry spokesman.

According to Mr. Abu Baker, who teaches in a high school, his nephew specialized in Islamic law at the University of Jordan in Amman, and then obtained a visa to enter the United States so that he could continue his studies there. He also worked in New Jersey, although the uncle is not sure at what kinds of jobs, and regularly sent money back home.



Mohammed Salameh, a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing, in a 1992 photograph supplied by his family.

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whether Hadas is a member of the Israeli Mossad, but even if it were true, we wouldn't tell you anyway."

A U.S. government official said the question of Mr. Salameh's links to the Muslim cleric in Jersey City — Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman — remained a principal focus.

Mr. Salameh was arrested Thursday and charged with aiding and abetting the bombing of the World Trade Center in Manhattan that killed five people, injured more than 1,000 and caused an estimated \$1 billion damage. He was being held without bond.

A second man, Ibrahim Elgubrowy, was also in custody, accused only of obstructing justice, but suspected of complicity in the bombing, officials said.

Late Friday, federal officials said

they had arrested three more men in connection with the bombing. But it later turned out that the three, who were picked up by agents on a stakeout near a mosque in Brooklyn, had been arrested on a stolen car charge.

The theory of a conspiracy got a boost with the discovery of hundreds of pounds of bomb-making chemicals from a storage locker in Jersey City, and wires and electronic components usable in bomb detonators from a Jersey City apartment — both locations with links to Mr. Salameh, officials said.

Police said witnesses told of seeing a Ford van resembling Mr. Salameh's at the storage locker.

The chemicals, nitric and sulfuric acids and urea, are sold without federal or state controls in such places as chemical supply houses and gardening stores.

Meanwhile, engineers worked to finish shoring up the wreckage of the parking garage under the trade center where the bomb exploded shortly after noon on Feb. 26.

James M. Fox, an associate director of the FBI in New York, said bomb experts hoped to be able to enter the crater in force by Monday to comb the rubble for clues to the nature of the bomb, now believed made of fertilizer and fuel oil.

In an unusual development, a possible connection with Nicaragua emerged when federal agents searched the Brooklyn apartment of Mr. Elgubrowy, who is related to El Sayyid Nosair, the man who was tried for the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The agents said they had found five fraudulent Nicaraguan passports in the names of the imprisoned Mr. Nosair and his family. One federal official said investigators were looking into the possibility of a scheme to help Mr. Nosair escape. (NYT, Reuters, AP)

## Cairo on High Alert After New Threat

Reuters

CAIRO — Security was tightened at Cairo's high-rise office buildings Sunday after a Muslim militant group that attacked tourists threatened to target Egyptian, Arab and foreign businesses next.

Private armed guards with metal detectors were stationed inside banks to search people and bags. Several offices stationed extra guards at the entrances to basement garages to check cars and inspect drivers' identities.

Armed police already routinely stand guard outside banks, embassies and government buildings.

In one block which contains several foreign firms, a U.S. bank closed its main door and restricted entry to a well guarded side door. Many firms have increased the number of security guards on duty and told them not to allow employees into their offices after working hours without permission.

The warning to businesses was issued by the Islamic Group, which has devastated Egypt's tourist industry with a five-month series of attacks on foreigners, in a fax to news organizations in Cairo on Friday.

It came a week after a bomb killed three people at a cafe in central Cairo, an attack that the group said it did not carry out.

The group's spiritual leader, Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, lives in New Jersey, and his followers have been implicated in the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York.

Mohammed Amin, deputy general manager of the Cairo Business Center, which houses embassies, foreign banks and offices, said it had been on alert since the threat.

"We've instructed our security

men to be on full alert, to keep their eyes open and to carry out more careful searches," he said. "Any person coming into the building has to be inspected."

Saeed Iskander, an executive at a big travel agency, said: "These warnings are very worrying news. They are already having a bad psychological effect on business."

Cairo's World Trade Center, a three-tower complex housing embassies, companies and a shopping mall, also tightened security.

"We have asked our guards to carry out more meticulous inspection," said Mahmoud Abdel Raouf, administrative manager of the center. "We will see the best ways to avert all possible dangers."

The security measures, which followed similar steps taken by Cairo's luxury tourist hotels, were unusual in a city where violent crime is low and security at offices is much looser than in the United States or Europe.

## 4 Policemen Hurt In Paris Clash

Reuters

PARIS — Four policemen were seriously injured when the police forced their way into a church in Paris on Sunday to evict hundreds of Roman Catholic traditionalists who had taken over the church.

A police spokesman said the injuries occurred as the police forced their way into the Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois church at the behest of its parish priest, after 400 traditionalists locked themselves inside.

The traditionalists came from a smaller church, saying they were entitled to a larger one.

## WHITE: End of Conservative Era?

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ability to exist the moderate-conservatives.

Justice White is solidly against abortion rights. President Bill Clinton has said his nominee will not be.

Justice White is sympathetic to government involvement with religious institutions and prayer in public schools, favoring a "low wall" of separation between church and state. Most liberal justices are more inclined to a strict separation between church and state.

Justice White wrote the court's 1986 opinion upholding an anti-sodomy law and saying that the constitution did not protect homosexual conduct. Mr. Clinton presumably would nominate someone sharing his support for homosexual rights.

Justice White generally opposes affirmative action, is especially tough on criminal defendants and tends to come down on the side of Congress in most disputes pitting the federal government against

states or against an individual's assertion of rights.

All that could change with a liberal appointee.

In recent terms, court rulings on the most controversial social issues of the day have been unpredictable and marked by shifting alliances. In that environment, any new justice can play an important role.

When Anthony M. Kennedy joined the court in 1988, he immediately made a difference by solidifying a conservative majority. Rulings in the 1988-89 term restricted a woman's right to abortion, cut back on civil rights laws and strengthened the hand of law enforcement against criminal suspects.

Justice Kennedy has since backed away from a consistent conservative role, possibly influenced by the 1990 addition of David H. Souter, who has adopted a more moderate approach marked by case-by-case balancing. Together with Sandra Day O'Connor, they constituted a conservative-moderate coalition that determined the outcomes in key cases on abortion and religion last term.

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**AMERICAN TOPICS**

**Crackdown Is Urged On Teenage Drivers**

The National Transportation Safety Board has recommended a nationwide crackdown on teenage driving. It wants a nighttime curfew for younger teenagers and on-the-spot license suspensions for adolescents caught driving with any amount of alcohol in their blood.

Teenage drivers account for a far higher proportion of highway deaths than do adults. They are inexperienced, prone to take risks and can't hold their liquor as well.

"Younger drivers are overrepresented in traffic crashes and deaths," the Safety Board said, citing federal statistics showing that 15- to 20-year-olds account for 14.9 percent of all driver fatalities, even though they comprise only 7.1 percent of all licensed drivers. And although teenagers do only 20 percent of their driving at night, half their fatalities are after dark. About 30 percent of teenage drivers killed in 1991 tested positive for alcohol.

Eight states have adopted curfews to limit nighttime driving by teenagers. They are Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

New York state's law is among the toughest. It bars teenagers from getting behind the wheel between 9 P.M. and 5 A.M.

The federal board does not have the power to impose rules on teenage driving, but its reports often start action by other government agencies and public-interest groups.

**Short Takes**

Pills containing iron supplements for pregnant women could be fatal for small children, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have warned. The agency said iron poisoning is now the most common cause of child poisoning deaths in the United States. As few as six pills — usually with a glossy red or green sugar coating — could be fatal to a child weighing 22 pounds (10 kilograms) or less.

If the ice cap at the North Pole melted, ocean levels would not rise any more than a New York Times notes. The trouble would come from the millennia of snow that have formed fresh water ice sheets thousands of feet thick in Greenland and Antarctica. The melting of the Greenland and the West Antarctic ice sheets would raise sea levels only 6 or 7 meters each, about 20 to 24 feet. But if

the East Antarctic sheet melted, it alone would raise sea levels about 60 meters worldwide, flooding areas far inland.

Two reasons for eye strain from video display terminals may be that people using them blink less and thus lubricate their eyes less, and open their eyes wider, thus increasing the evaporation rate of the eyes' protective layer of moisture, according to the current *New England Journal of Medicine*. People usually read books looking down, so the eyes are not so wide open as when looking horizontally at a screen. The report recommended placing the terminal as low as practicable and polishing it upward.

**About People**

Walter E. Fauntroy, the former District of Columbia delegate to the House of Representatives, says he is thankful to be offered to adopt a child. To do so, he says in a letter to *The Washington Post*, he had to take a physical examination, which revealed he had a tuberculosis spot on his lung, too small to have become contagious. Now the TB is cured and the child has been adopted. Mr. Fauntroy, a clergyman, drew the moral from Matthew 10:39 — "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Arthur Higbee



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POLITICAL VOICES

Secret Talks on Health Care? Judge to Decide

WASHINGTON — A federal judge said he would decide soon whether a presidential task force on health care headed by Hillary Clinton could legally hold secret meetings, and he ordered the White House to give him advance notice before the task force holds its first session.

Two health groups and a public policy organization have asked for an injunction prohibiting the task force from meeting in secret, arguing that a 1972 federal law requires that such advisory commissions be open to the public. The Justice Department opposed the request, saying that the law should not apply to Mrs. Clinton's task force, and if it does, it should be held unconstitutional.

Kent Masterson Brown, a lawyer for the groups seeking open meetings, told U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth at the hearing that because Mrs. Clinton is not a federal official, the law requires her task force to meet certain statutory requirements, including public notice of meetings which the public could attend.

"We're not talking about planting flowers along a highway," said Brown, a Lexington, Kentucky, lawyer. "We're talking about a first lady heading a task force that has enormous power that could have a potentially enormous effect on how we live."

In response, a Justice Department lawyer told Judge Lamberth that the key to the case was in the congressional intent behind the law, which was enacted to prevent private, special interest groups from exerting secret influence over the government.

Senate Democrats Ask More Budget Slashes

WASHINGTON — Moderate and conservative Senate Democrats, who hold the swing votes to pass or modify President Bill Clinton's economic package, are pressing the administration for more budget cuts.

Specifically, they want Mr. Clinton to slash his proposed \$31 billion package of new spending and tax cuts intended to stimulate the economy, and they want him to tie any new spending to further budget cuts.

The Democrats in question, who number about a dozen, still support the administration plan publicly, and even the most critical have so far shunned alliances with Republicans. But behind the scenes they are organizing a quiet but persistent effort to change the plan, leveraged by the unspoken threat of a defection if they do not win concessions.

The group is important because Democrats hold a 57-to-43 majority in the Senate, and Democratic leaders do not expect any Republican support for Mr. Clinton's plan. So far, public-opinion polls have shown widespread approval of the plan, and Democratic senators have gone out of their way to express firm support for it.

At State Department, Thunder From the Right

WASHINGTON — Morning anger among some conservative Democratic foreign affairs advisers about a perceived leftward turn of Clinton administration policy erupted into view as a group met with the president's national security adviser to press for more top administration jobs.

The group, which includes a former Clinton campaign counsel, David Ibsin, have watched in increasing discomfort as the administration has begun filling out the State Department with moderate liberals. They contend that the tilt of the department contradicts Mr. Clinton's campaign promise that he would be a "new kind of Democrat" — a vow that led many to abandon the Republicans and give Mr. Clinton a winning margin, they argue.

Quote/Unquote

Jim Clayton, whose net worth has been estimated at \$370 million, on Mr. Clinton's proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy (Mr. Clayton's taxes would probably increase from \$2.8 million to \$3.5 million). "The proposed tax increase is clearly livable."

Away From Politics

A federal judge tentatively upheld a bid by California's Indian tribes to substantially expand commercial gambling on their lands, a decision that a state attorney warned could lead to a "landscape dotted with casinos."

The Society of Professional Journalists has organized a committee to examine journalism ethics and media coverage of the religious cult involved in a standoff with authorities near Waco, Texas. The cult's leader, David Koresh, has been interviewed frequently by telephone, and radio and television stations have played parts of a tape that he demanded be aired.

A woman who received parts of her parents' lungs in January in the first lung transplant involving living donors left a Los Angeles hospital. The woman, Stacy Sewell, 22, has cystic fibrosis, and the operation was the first lung transplant on a patient with the disease.

In opening arguments in a cyanide-poisoning trial in Seattle, the prosecutors said the defendant, Joseph Meling, insisted that his wife take a decongestant capsule before she went to bed on the night of Feb. 2, 1991, to stop her nightly snoring. Within minutes, they said, Jennifer Meling lost consciousness. The prosecutors are trying to prove that Mr. Meling had laced the capsule with cyanide so that he could collect his wife's \$700,000 life-insurance policy.

The Treasury Department's bank examiners will soon adopt tougher procedures to keep national banks from discriminating on the basis of race when they approve home mortgages.

AIDS: A Prevention Strategy to Target the Worst Affected Neighborhoods

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It is possible to reverse the course of an AIDS epidemic or even to prevent one if efforts are intense and narrowly focused. Such efforts have succeeded even among supposedly recalcitrant populations like intravenous drug users.

Australia, for example, has managed to control the rate of new infections in the last five years by targeting high-risk groups. Encouraging results also have been reported in Glasgow, and Lund, Sweden.

In the United States, Tacoma, Washington, has kept its HIV infection rates among intravenous drug users negligible while rates in New York and other cities have soared to between 50 percent and 80 percent.

Dr. Des Jarlais, a member of the National Research Council's committee on AIDS research, is among those who have called for focused, intense efforts, including the very kinds of programs that had drawn the most opposition from religious and political conservatives: clean needles for drug users, many more drug-treatment programs and explicit sex education campaigns adapted to the language and mores of affected neighborhoods.

Another committee member, Dr. John Gagnon, a sociologist at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, recommended on 23 to concentrating the AIDS fight on 23 to 30 neighborhoods in cities including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Miami, Newark, Camden, New Jersey and New York.

"If we want to really deal with the epidemic, we have to go where the epidemic is," said Dr. Alan M. Brandt, professor of the history of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a member of the National Research Council's committee.

The idea that the disease might be focused in confined areas is not surprising to Dr. Albert Janssen, an ethics professor at the University of Washington and the chairman of the National Research Council's committee. In a review of epidemics throughout history, he found that similar patterns held.

"The thing that leaps out at you is the way that almost every historical epidemic was socially-culturally determined," Dr. Janssen said. People were not felled indiscriminately.

If one begins to think of that in terms of AIDS, he said, one realizes that the public concept of a virus that "floats free and gets picked up almost at random" misses the point.

A second feature of epidemics is that they require a concentration of cases to sustain the disease, he added. In the case of AIDS, he said, "if you are going to have sexual transmission outside of infected communities, you need a fairly high rate of contact."

The disease can and does break out of the tight communities where it festers, but it cannot sustain itself there, he said.

The localized nature of AIDS is vividly displayed in New York City, where the National Research Council committee found that the epidemic was heavily concentrated in about six to 10 neighborhoods.

The New York epidemic was analyzed by two committee members, Dr. Shirley Lindenbaum, an anthropologist at City University of New York, and Dr. Gagnon. They noted that it actually consisted of two epidemics. One involved men who had sex with men, most of whom lived in two neighborhoods: the Chelsea and Greenwich Villages/SoHo areas.

Within those neighborhoods, the researchers said, HIV infections clustered in two of nine ZIP codes.

Indictment? Clinton Plan Is Tied to Congressman's Fate

By David E. Rosenbaum

WASHINGTON — In public they talk about economic stimulus, energy taxes, Medicare cuts and the proper ratio of tax increases to spending reductions.

But in the privacy of White House offices and Capitol cloakrooms, Bill Clinton's top economic advisers, and the senators and representatives responsible for pushing the president's economic plan through Congress, express a bigger worry: Will Dan Rostenkowski be indicted?

"The fate of the plan could lie in the balance," said a top administration official.

A congressman called the possibility "the Damocles sword that hangs over everything ahead."

What they find most frustrating is that they have no facts about the situation and no control over it whatsoever.

Mr. Rostenkowski, a Democrat from Chicago and the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, is probably the single most important lawmaker on economic and social policy issues. All legislation on taxes, Social Security, health care, welfare, unemployment compensation and most other items high on the presidential agenda must originate in Mr. Rostenkowski's committee.

A masterly legislator and unwavering Clinton supporter, he is also perhaps the president's strongest hand in Congress.

But for a year Mr. Rostenkowski has been under investigation by a grand jury led by Jay B. Stephens, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, a Republican who worked in the Reagan White House and who seems to enjoy cases that put him in the limelight.

If Mr. Rostenkowski is indicted, he must

step aside as committee chairman, and the investigation seems to have been expanded recently into other financial areas. Subpoenas have been issued for virtually all of Mr. Rostenkowski's financial records, personal and political.

Representative Sam M. Gibbons would become acting chairman in Mr. Rostenkowski's absence. He is a Democrat from Florida in his 16th term who has specialized in trade issues and has never become heavily involved in matters like taxes and health policy.

The Rostenkowski case initially involved his office's purchase of an unusually large number of stamps from the House post office and the apparent suspicion by the authorities that this was part of a money-laundering scheme to convert campaign donations and office expenses into personal funds.

The investigation seems to have been expanded recently into other financial areas. Subpoenas have been issued for virtually all of Mr. Rostenkowski's financial records, personal and political.

Mr. Rostenkowski, 65, says he has done nothing wrong, has no idea what the prosecutors are looking for and is the victim of a political witch hunt. He says his lawyers have been told that he is not a target of the investigation. Indeed, no solid evidence of illegal activity by Mr. Rostenkowski has become public.

But Mr. Stephens, who has said little about the case publicly, appears to have something, and he is pursuing it with an aggressiveness that seems to indicate he thinks he can win an indictment. Time magazine reported last week, without saying where the information came from, that an indictment was expected this spring or summer.

What frustrates administration officials most is that they do not have any feel for the prospects of an indictment. With no attorney general yet and no one heading the Justice Department's criminal division, there is apparently no one who can go to Mr. Stephens, the prosecutor, and get a rundown.

If there is an indictment, the president will lose the strong arm of a skillful manipulator of the legislative process.

With Mr. Rostenkowski as chairman, it is a safe bet that the House of Representatives will approve Mr. Clinton's economic plan mostly the way the president proposed it. But if Mr. Rostenkowski is indicted, all bets are off.

"It would be a disaster," said an administration official who helped put together the plan. "A total, unmitigated disaster. That's all I can say."



Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, manning a road checkpoint near Waco, Texas.

U.S. Cult Leader Stalemates Negotiations

WACO, Texas — Efforts to end the siege of a heavily armed religious cult were stalemated Sunday after the leader of the group rejected a proposal that included the release of his followers, the FBI said.

An FBI agent said the cult leader, David Koresh, was becoming "increasingly irritable," rejecting agreements previously made during negotiations and lapsing into lengthy scriptural discussions.

"We offered him what we thought was a reasonable compromise," said Bob Ricks, the agent. He said it included the "total release of all the people inside."

"That was rejected," he said. In Washington, Stephen E. Higgins, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said he thought that some of the people inside the compound were there against their will.

By Mr. Koresh's account, 17 children and 90 adults were with him. Outside, there were more than 400 federal agents and police officers.

Mr. Higgins said, "What all of us want to do is to make sure there are no more deaths and no more injuries."

Mr. Ricks said that negotiations with the self-proclaimed messiah were "disappointing."

"We have hit somewhat of a stalemate," he said. Mr. Koresh continued to say that he would walk out, but was still awaiting a message from God.

It was unclear whether "total release" meant that other cultists would not be charged with crimes or applied to the way in which they would leave the compound.

For a second straight day the FBI issued a public appeal to Mr. Koresh, 33, who is known to monitor radio and television broadcasts of the briefings from the rural complex east of Waco.

"We will do almost anything within our power to get this settled," Mr. Ricks said.

But he said that Mr. Koresh continually makes demands and rejects them after the FBI agrees to his terms.

For instance, he said, authorities agreed to send in milk for the children after Mr. Koresh asked for it; but when the milk was offered, the cult leader rejected it.

At another point a six-year-old named Melissa spoke to negotiators by telephone, saying she wanted to come out and join the 21 children released earlier. Mr. Ricks said she spoke cheerfully of leaving, but later said she had changed her mind, apparently "parroting" words that someone told her to speak.

In what seemed to be almost a plea to Mr. Koresh, Mr. Ricks said

the entire affair, which had begun a week earlier when four federal agents died in a gun battle while trying to arrest Mr. Koresh on a weapons charge, "could be resolved in the next hour — it's within his power."

On Sunday, Mr. Higgins defended the initial raid, saying, "What we did was right."

He said it was part of "a plan that was done in a way that we had trained."

Somehow, however, security was violated and, "our agents walked into an ambush," he said on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation."

In Waco, Mr. Ricks said that negotiations had resumed at Sunday morning.

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# Serbs Will Have to Yield Some Land Gained in Bosnia, UN Leader Says

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Serbian military forces will not be allowed to retain all the Bosnian territory they gain through fighting and may be forcibly ejected by a future UN-backed military force if they fail to withdraw peacefully, the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, said Sunday.

His remarks were apparently aimed at persuading the Serbian forces that continued fighting in Bosnia would, in the end, bring little or no new territorial gains once a cease-fire is agreed along the lines of a plan advanced by UN mediators.

"We have as an objective the withdrawal of the Serbs, and if they will not withdraw, then we'll have to take the necessary measures," Mr. Boutros Ghali said in an ABC television interview. The remark was made in response to a question

about the Serbs' effort to drive Muslims from enclaves in Bosnian territory, including, in recent days, the town of Zenica.

In remarks that implicitly raised the possibility of direct U.S.-Serbian military clashes, Mr. Boutros Ghali said enforcing the withdrawal of Serbian forces could be a major military operation and that only the "participation of the United States" could ensure its success. He said UN member states "must be ready to send troops on the ground."

But several senior U.S. officials underscored Sunday that the Clinton administration had made no decision on contributing ground troops to the peacekeeping force now being planned by UN officials.

"The nature of that, whether that's ground forces or air power, is not something that we've yet decided," the deputy National Security

adviser, Sandy Berger, said on CNN.

**U.S. Withholds Decision**

Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in an interview Sunday that the United States was not prepared to say whether it would commit troops under such conditions, news agencies reported.

Mr. Aspin, asked whether the United States would commit troops if the talks failed, said, "I don't think we're prepared to talk about that at this point."

Mr. Aspin said the U.S. strategy was to try to strengthen the UN sanctions.

The United States would be prepared to take part in a multinational force to implement such an accord, he said.

Peace talks to end the war were suspended temporarily on Saturday without a settlement.

(AFP, Reuters)

## CROATIA: Who Gets What

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with the peace talks. "There is no question that, above all, the Muslims have the richest part of the country."

The official said that this was because Muslims had traditionally lived in the areas of Bosnia richest in resources and infrastructure.

The numbers appear to favor the Muslims. Under the Vance-Owen plan, Muslim provinces would control about one-third of all businesses that existed before the war, just over half of Bosnia's electricity, about 70 percent of its coal, 65 percent of its bauxite and 72 percent of its alumina, according to calculations by Srdjan Bogosavljevic of the Yugoslav statistical office in Belgrade. By his estimates, Serb-controlled provinces would get the majority of Bosnia's iron ore and timber and a quarter of its electricity — some of it in regions Serbs have taken by force.

Although Yugoslavia's resources were never abundant and much of the economy has been stalled by war, analysts and combatants say many assets of potentially high value remain.

By several Western estimates, as much as two-thirds of former Yugoslavia's military production capacity — one of the largest in Eastern Europe — is in Bosnia.

Under the Vance-Owen plan, most military factories would fall under Muslim or Croatian control, according to UN and U.S. analysts. The factories are concentrated in Bosnia's industrial belt, which extends north along the Sava River from Sarajevo, an area historically dominated by Muslims and Croats.

Many military factories have been destroyed or forced to reduce production because of the war, UN officials and U.S. analysts said. But some remain active and have been scenes of intense fighting by rival forces seeking to control them.

Fierce battles also have raged around hydroelectric plants, which are the primary sources of energy in Bosnia. The plants have sometimes been destroyed or badly damaged.



Meeting reporters after the signing of the Afghan accord were, from left, Prince Turki al Faisal, the Saudi intelligence chief; President Burhamuddin Rabbani of Afghanistan; Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, an Afghan leader.

# Afghans Sign Accord but Snag Persists

Thousands of people have been killed and injured in battles among the rival groups since they overthrew the former Communist government last April.

Under the accord, the cabinet was to be appointed within two weeks after consultations between the president and the prime minister. All parties would be represented on a Defense Council, the accord said, skirting the issue of who would be the defense minister, a post currently held by Ahmed Shah Massoud, Mr. Rabbani's most powerful commander.

But the failure of the leaders to agree on the crucial defense ministry appointment cast an immediate shadow over the future of the accord, one Western diplomat said.

"It is my duty as prime minister to choose the defense minister." Mr. Hekmatyar said within minutes of the signing. He has refused to accept Mr. Massoud.

The accord said a cease-fire would take immediate effect, although sporadic gunfire erupted in the capital. All heavy weapons were to be moved out of range of the capital and the security of roads was to be assured.

The leaders were due to fly to Saudi Arabia on Monday to offer prayers in Mecca to honor the accord.

# DUTCH: Netherlands Goes Against Flow of History

Regenerating nature could have an effect on the staggering effort needed to keep this country dry. Close to 27 percent of the country lies below sea level and needs sluicing and draining. The Netherlands, a country less than 240 kilometers long and just over 160 kilometers wide, spends more than \$400 million a year to drain water and repair dikes. This bill does not include new projects, like the \$2.4 billion sea-barrier completed in 1986.

The problems are evident around Mijdrecht, 16 kilometers south of Amsterdam, one of the regions scheduled for flooding. It seems a stable world, dotted with farms and meadows that roll on toward the horizon, crisscrossed by drainage channels and ditches that sparkle in the winter sun.

The land here is six meters below sea level, one of the country's lowest spots. It poses a major challenge for the local water board.

"Other people may pump only when it rains, but we often have to pump and drain for 16 hours a day to stay dry," said Gijb Tjessing, a farmer and a local councilman. "Even so, our cows often have their feet in the water. As we pump, the pressure of the groundwater gets stronger and pushes up."

Once a peat bog that supplied Amsterdam with fuel, the shallow lagoons around Mijdrecht were reclaimed only at the end of the last century. Experts cite them as an example of the excesses of the relentless drive to gain land.

"Quite a few of the 19th-century engineering works would not be done today," said Kees Schippen, a water board official in Utrecht.

"We have a better understanding of the huge costs not only of reclaiming land but also of maintaining it. And we see the harm it does to the surroundings. Today it makes no economic sense."

# Henry Giniger, a Times Reporter, Dies

Henry Giniger, 71, a veteran correspondent for The New York Times who spent two decades chronicling the rise of postwar France before moving on to report from dozens of other countries on both sides of the Atlantic, died Sunday at a hospital in Paris.

He had lung cancer, said his daughter, Marianne Monciel.

Mr. Giniger joined the Paris Bureau of the Times in 1946 and soon became a mainstay of the paper's European coverage. Fluent in French, Spanish and Portuguese, he specialized in articles that explained the political scene by the continent as its nascent governments struggled to rebuild.

He was regarded as a correspondent who thrived on breaking news events and he distinguished himself in his reporting from Budapest during the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956 and from Algeria during the revolution there in the early 1960s.

In 1965, he moved to Mexico City, where he covered Latin America, and seven years later he took over the Madrid bureau, from which he covered the Portuguese revolution, the death of Franco and Spain's return to the Western alliance. He later was head of The Times's bureaus in Montreal and Ottawa.

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# South Africa Parties Agree on New Talks

By Bill Keller  
New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — A diverse assembly of parties from across South Africa's political constellation has agreed to resume negotiations within a month on the ending of white rule.

After a two-day conference that brought together white separatists, militant black nationalists and almost every faction in between, the parties agreed Saturday to meet again by April 5 to work out details of a new democracy.

Cyril Ramaphosa, who lead the African National Congress delegation, said afterward that "a torch of hope has been lit."

"We are confident that the way has now been opened for the resolution of the conflict in our country," he said.

The meeting was clouded by two murderous ambushes within a week in a rural area of embattled Natal Province. One killed six children, and the latest, on Friday, left four men and six women dead.

But where nine months ago a massacre caused the breakdown of negotiations, now each spasm of violence only seems to harden the determination to reach a settlement and create a government with sufficient credibility to bring peace.

All 26 of the participants, including the Pan Africanist Congress, a black militant faction associated

with recent terrorist attacks against whites, signed a resolution on Saturday declaring "unwavering rejection of all instances of political violence."

The government had earlier objected to the militant group joining negotiations until it disavowed violence. But Minister of Law and Order Hennis Kriel said Saturday that the group's endorsement of this resolution was enough to admit them as bargaining partners.

When the participants reconvene to debate the machinery of ending white rule, they will encounter deep differences.

The government and the ANC have agreed on a compromise plan to hold elections by early next year, with minority parties sharing in a unity government for five years. But a bloc led by the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party strongly objects, favoring a looser federation of autonomous states.

### 3 Arrested in Ambush

The police said Sunday that three people have been arrested in connection with an ambush Friday in which 10 blacks were shot to death in Natal Province. Reuters reported from Johannesburg. The police earlier speculated that the ambush was intended to avenge the deaths of six children in the same area on Tuesday. Three arrests have been made in connection with that killing.



BAITLE-READY — Two brothers, members of a clan supporting the Somali warlord Colonel Omar Jess, preparing to fight members of a rival clan backing General Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan in Kismayo. In Mogadishu, a U.S. Marine committed suicide for unexplained reasons and two French soldiers were killed in a road accident, a U.S. military spokesman said.

# Beijing Steps Up 5-Year Plan, Snubbing the Prime Minister

By Nicholas D. Kristof  
New York Times Service

BEIJING — The Communist Party leadership on Sunday approved a revision of China's five-year plan, setting more ambitious growth targets and thereby snubbing Prime Minister Li Peng, and also endorsed a reshuffle of government leaders.

The Central Committee released a communiqué, after the close of its three-day plenary session, but did not specify which people would be promoted or dismissed. Nor did it give any details of the plan that it also approved for "reforming the party and government organs."

The revision of the five-year plan, which covers the years 1991 through 1995, is far less important now than in earlier years, when the entire economy was governed by the planning bureaucracy. The government has said that this year the central plan will cover just 6 percent of industrial production.

Nevertheless, the revision is important in two respects.

First it is a blow to Mr. Li and undermines his credibility, because he was in charge of drafting the original plan and is closely associated with its relatively cautious targets.

Second, the announcement is sure to send a signal to local officials, factory managers and entrepreneurs around the nation that they can proceed more frenetically than ever with new investments and business plans. The revision lessens the risk of any imminent clampdown by Beijing on the overheating economy.

The plenum did not give details of its proposed revisions to the five-year plan, which had called for a 6 percent annual growth rate in gross national product. Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, seems to favor a growth rate of 9 percent to 10 percent, even at the risk of spiraling inflation, and so the plenum presumably raised the target by several percentage points.

"The requested targets can be met through the concerted efforts of the party members and the people of the whole country," the Central Committee said in its communiqué. It added: "As conditions differ in localities, there should be no seeking of a 'unified' speed of development."

That phrasing is a victory for those provinces that have chafed at Mr. Li's calls for restrained, prudent growth. Such regions — such as Guangdong Province and other areas in the southeast — can now argue that their conditions differ from the national average and

that they should not be constrained by the national target.

In China, the problem with economic growth targets is not that they are difficult to meet, but that provinces all want to go even faster. These days the localities have much more economic initiative than the central government, and so in 1992, for example, the economy grew by about 12 percent.

Many Chinese and Western economists believe that Mr. Li may well be right to be cautious. They suggest that growth rates of 10 percent or more are probably unsustainable without igniting inflation and risking social instability.

### Defrost Defense Link With U.S.

Several congressional and military leaders and scholars are urging the Clinton administration to resume the long-frozen military ties between the United States and China, the Los Angeles Times reported from Washington.

High-level military exchanges between the United States and the People's Liberation Army were halted in 1989 after the Chinese Army's violent suppression of the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations.

The once-extensive U.S.-Chinese military links were justified during the Cold War years by the two nations' common interest in leading off a Soviet military threat. Now, proponents of resuming ties argue that new factors, including China's sales of dangerous weapons around the world and its recent defense buildup, provide a new rationale for U.S. contacts with Chinese military leaders.

The Pentagon signaled its own eagerness for a renewal of links last fall when two members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral David Jeremiah and General Merrill A. McPeak of the Air Force, showed up in uniform for a reception at the Chinese Embassy.

And some liberal Democrats in Congress are arguing that, for different reasons than in the past, it is important to begin talking with China's military leaders once again.

"They didn't all carry out the orders at Tiananmen," Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, a leading member of the House Armed Services Committee, said of the top Chinese military leaders.

Ending the ban on military contacts, she said, "is not for their good, it's for our good, if we can be blunt about it."

# Thai Conduit Reopens For Flow of Illicit Arms

By Philip Shenon  
New York Times Service

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand — The arms that flooded into Cambodia from across the Thai border for more than a decade, enabling the Khmer Rouge and other guerrilla groups to wage their civil war against the Cambodian government, have begun streaming back into Thailand.

The flow has stirred suspicion among Thailand's civilian leaders, including the prime minister, that a new wave of cross-border arms trading is benefiting both the military and police in Thailand and the Maoist-inspired rebels of the Khmer Rouge.

Diplomats, military analysts and merchants in Aranyaprathet and other cities along Thailand's eastern border say the arms first started flowing into Thailand from Cambodia after the signing of a peace treaty by Cambodia's main factions in October 1991.

The trade increased last year as the Khmer Rouge and other guerrillas decided to sell off excess arms to Thai dealers; they in turn are reported to be shipping the arms to Thailand's western border with Burma, where they are being resold at a 500 percent markup to ethnic rebel groups fighting Burma's military government.

Diplomats and military analysts say the weapons moved from Cambodia to Thailand to Burma include millions of dollars worth of U.S.-made M-16 assault rifles, Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and mortars.

It is widely suspected that officers of the Thai military and police are profiting from the resale of the Cambodian arms to Burmese rebels through kickbacks and protection money paid by arms dealers, just as Thai officers benefited from the original shipments of the weapons to rebels in Cambodia during the civil war.

# For China and Hong Kong, a Common Foe: Crime

By Lena H. Sun  
Washington Post Service

HONG KONG — The increasingly porous border between Hong Kong and southern China, across which 12,000 trucks rumble back and forth daily carrying everything from eggplants to electronics, is spawning new kinds of trade — some of them deadly. Chinese arms and criminals are being smuggled into Hong Kong for use in violent crimes, and luxury cars are being stolen at the rate of nearly 6 per day in Hong Kong and smuggled into China.

The situation has become so serious that China and Hong Kong are cooperating in this arena despite the current political dispute between China and Britain about greater democracy for Hong Kong, which reverts to Chinese control in 1997.

For the first time, China has sent two police officials to Hong Kong to help in the fight against cross-border crime. One of the officials is from Beijing, the other from neighboring Guangdong Province, the most common departure point for Chinese criminals and illegal weapons entering Hong Kong and the point of entry for smuggled cars from Hong Kong.

Although Chinese arms have been flowing into Hong Kong for several years, in the last 18 months there has been an escalation in the firepower used in crimes, particularly robberies. Instead of pistols, criminals from the mainland are using Chinese military-issue AK-47 assault rifles and grenades to hold up gold and jewelry stores.

The ruthlessness associated with armed robberies in Hong Kong, once considered

one of the safest cities in the world, was unimaginable until the last few years.

What makes crime prevention difficult for the police is that many criminals are former members of the army or have other military training, the Hong Kong police said.

Hong Kong has strict gun-control laws prohibiting private citizens from owning firearms. The police said weapons were coming into Hong Kong mostly from China, with some Chinese-made arms coming from Vietnam.

The police believe that some of the weapons are smuggled in by illegal immigrants who flock to Hong Kong from the mainland in search of lucrative jobs as construction workers.

The main targets for armed robbers from

the mainland are Hong Kong's numerous goldsmiths and jewelry stores, whose windows are filled with lavish displays of gold, jade, diamonds, pearls and other jewels. Gold is particularly desirable because it can be quickly melted down and has a much higher resale value than diamonds, the police said.

Mainland criminals are often hired by a Hong Kong mastermind because their labor is cheaper and they have no police records in the territory. By speedboat, the trip to Hong Kong from Guangdong takes 10 to 15 minutes.

Mainland officials have begun to tip off Hong Kong authorities about criminals who they suspect are about to enter the territory. But because there is no extradition treaty with China, the police can do little.

# Japanese Arrest Political Kingpin

Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Shin Kanemaru, the former power broker of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party who was disgraced in Japan's most recent political payoff scandal, was questioned by prosecutors Sunday following his unexpected arrest on charges of tax evasion.

The 78-year-old political veteran pleaded guilty in September to taking illegal funds from the Sagawa Kyubin trucking company, the firm at the center of a scandal.

The tax-evasion charges apparently involve income from other sources. Prosecutors said he was charged with evading taxes on more than \$1 million of income.



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Unraveling the Bombing

Clear Lessons Emerge

Mohammed Salameh's arrest in connection with the bombing of the World Trade Center leaves open one big question: To what extent does the blast reflect an alarming extension of international terrorism?

itself suggests an amateur job. Or was he deliberately sacrificed to draw attention while other conspirators fled the country? The amateurish bomb, after all, did succeed in killing five people, injuring more than 1,000 and shutting down the twin towers for at least a month.

Beware Easy Answers

The arrest of a suspect in the New York bombing has left Washington pausing anxiously between relief and discretion. Officials understandably are hurrying with pride at the police work and luck that let them net a first suspect in just six days.

Islam, or even against fundamentalist Islam, which has its violent aspect but speaks for millions of nonviolent Muslims as well. In fact, the whole notion of blaming a religious or political movement, especially a foreign-based one, as distinguished from a terrorist individual or entity, is perilous.

Open a Healthy Debate

Get ready. The health care debate is about to go public. That means life will get more complicated for the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform.

plans, not at the individual provider level," writes Alain C. Enthoven, the formulator of managed competition. "For economic behavior to occur, doctors must be motivated to prescribe economically."

The West Can't Afford to Let Yeltsin's Russia Fail

By Richard Nixon This is the second of two articles.

NEW YORK — Boris Yeltsin's approval rating is down sharply in Russia because of the economic downturn. But he is still the most popular politician in Russia. He has made serious mistakes in dealing with the parliament he inherited from Mikhail Gorbachev.

the other independent nations in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union recover from the Cold War. The Germans have their plate full with Eastern Germany. But the Japanese participation in the multilateral aid program is shockingly inadequate.

During the Cold War, many thought the Soviets were evil. None thought they were crazy. That cannot be said for some of the smaller nations trying to acquire nuclear weapons. Russia and America, as the only two nuclear superpowers, must play the crucial role in preventing proliferation of nuclear weapons.

grows, this will mean thousands of jobs and billions in trade for the United States. Even greater stakes are involved. For 75 years, Communist Russia, as a major Soviet state, tried to export communism to the rest of the world.

and economic power to resist and turn back the Soviet aggression. A democratic Russia deserves credit for delivering the knockout blow to communism in its motherland. It should be treated as a proud struggling friend, not as a weak former enemy looking for a handout.

But Beware His Lurch for the Nationalist Mantle

By Lealie H. Gelb

NEW YORK — In a speech pregnant with bad memories, President Boris Yeltsin has called upon the United Nations for an extraordinary grant of authority. Make Russia the "guarantor of peace and stability in regions of the former U.S.S.R."

wrongdoing or impotence, to the exercise of an international police power. At least Mr. Yeltsin had the good grace to ask for an international blessing for Russian intervention. Although it should be noted, he also left the door open to unilateral action by asserting that "stopping all armed conflicts on the territory of the former U.S.S.R. is Russia's vital interest."

Mr. Yeltsin's speech suggested a Russian Monroe Doctrine.

private, by high Clinton administration officials more worried now about future "Yugoslavias" than a resurgent Russia. The words and reasoning in the speech suggested a Russian Monroe Doctrine. Not the original U.S. version propounded by President James Monroe in 1823 that simply warned Europeans away from intervening in the Americas.

But if Mr. Roosevelt's corollary was a prime example of "big stick" diplomacy, Mr. Yeltsin may have been practicing "big stick" politics (Yiddish for devoted trick, by one definition). Mr. Roosevelt's principal audience was the world and especially Latin America. Mr. Yeltsin's fancy footwork on the world stage was actually choreographed for his own countrymen.

At Long Last, the Group of Seven Looks Like It's Back in Business

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — In 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower rescinded the Council of Economic Advisers from oblivion by giving it new credibility with the appointment of the economist Arthur F. Burns to his first government job.

enough; Mr. Clinton therefore has recommended a stimulus program along with longer-term deficit reduction. But the Japanese economy, normally one of the strong props for the rest of the world, is unusually weak. And Europe suggests along with more than 10 percent unemployment, and with its common monetary system in disarray.

ers together. But the major players found little common economic ground in the post-Cold War era. Most of the countries turned inward, committed to solving their own, instead of global problems. As 1980s work down, economic stagnation took over, and with that the strength of Western political leaders was sapped. There was no national feeling in any country available to seize global leadership.

gram, but well-publicized summit-napping by the Group of Seven also helped. Similarly, Japan adopted a fiscal stimulus package last year primarily because its financial markets were crashing, G-7 pressure gave the ruling political party a bit of cover.

nance Minister Theo Waigel's suggestion to draw more regularly on the expertise of the IMF is not greeted enthusiastically by the United States. And the Europeans remain a bit uncomfortable with what they consider undue pressure from Mr. Clinton's aides on trade disputes.

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Can Democracy Last in Thailand?

By Michael Leifer

BANGKOK — Since the end of absolute monarchy in Thailand, parliamentary democracy has been the exception rather than the rule. Civilian democratic government, set aside by a coup in February 1991, was restored through elections in September 1992 after the military failed to hold on to power by resorting to brute force.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej (but without the Dalai Lama to avoid undue provocation to China) underscored the constitutional monarchy's commitment to democracy. The king's intervention had been crucial in obliging the military to give up power in May.

ment in recent years and corresponding social and educational change, is not Burma. Military rule in Bangkok would require an army that was fully prepared to shoot down educated middle-class demonstrators in cold blood. Thai soldiers do not appear to have the stomach for such cruel self-indulgence.

Clinton Is Showing the Way

TO BE SURE, the Clinton economic program is far from being enacted. Defections among Senate Democrats may force the president to negotiate with Republicans to win a majority in that body. Spending cuts remain a sensitive question: Many willing to pay more also want to see the government spend less.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

- 1893: A Titan Portrait NAPLES — The discovery of a beautiful portrait by Titian of Christopher Columbus has caused a great sensation. A full-length, life-size portrait was shown to me by Signor Cannavina, the antiquarian, who purchased it from Count Aldobrandi at Bologna. The whole, with the exception of the face and hands, had been painted over. This coat being removed, a figure in the uniform of a Spanish Admiral was revealed. The pose and coloring are quiet. The face is of a man with his hair just turning gray. The eyes are blue, thoughtful, even sad. On the fingers are three massive rings. Signor Cannavina has documents which vouch for its authenticity.



CAPITAL MARKETS

Will Bundesbank Sustain Rally in European Bonds?

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — The long-predicted but frustratingly elusive rally in U.S. dollar and European bonds erupted last week, carrying the yield to a new high for the year and driving the yield on bellwether Deutsche mark bonds to levels last seen in 1988.

Surprise was the key element driving the markets. First was the Bundesbank's near-quarter-point reduction in money-market rates Friday, the day after its policy-making board had decided to leave official rates unchanged.

The Germans are 'still not ready to lower rates quickly,' said J. P. Morgan.

These developments neatly fit into the big picture most analysts have painted for this year, which has recovery and firming interest rates in the United States boosting the dollar while recession and falling rates in Europe drive up bond prices there.

But some analysts say last week's surprises may have given a false reading of just how fast this picture will come into focus.

These analysts believe the Bundesbank council had decided on Thursday to reduce the money market rate this week, but was pushed to act sooner to quell pressures in the foreign exchange market.

The size of the rate cut as well as the intention to delay the announcement demonstrate that the Bundesbank is still not ready to lower interest rates quickly.

The Bundesbank seems not entirely convinced that the economy is going into the kind of a deep slump that has historically brought inflation down.

Paribas Capital Markets warned that "the extent of interest-rate reductions are likely to disappoint" in Germany.

Paribas said that Germany's "poor fundamentals," recession, lack of competitiveness, growing current-account deficit and continued problems on the fiscal front, argue for the Deutsche mark to be replaced as the anchor currency of the exchange-rate mechanism.

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2 Banks Criticized In India

Report Increases Estimate of Losses

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BOMBAY — India's central bank accused Standard Chartered Bank PLC and ANZ Grindlays Bank PLC of flouting banking laws in the billion-dollar securities scandal last year, and it said Sunday it hoped to name other institutions before closing its investigation.

The Reserve Bank of India already has criticized Bank of America and Citibank for violating its guidelines in the interbank securities market.

The scandal involved diversion of funds from the government securities market for speculation on the Bombay stock market.

Standard Chartered was accused of entering into "wholly fictitious transactions" to cover up an ever-increasing amount of unaccounted-for deals on its investment portfolio.

The report alleged Standard's dealers handed the fact of running of its securities operations to a prominent Indian broker, Hiten Dalal. They looked to Mr. Dalal to bail them out for big losses that they incurred in dealings for the bank.

As a consequence of this loss of independence, the safeguards customarily used in securities transactions were abandoned," it said.

A central bank committee investigating the fraud said Grindlays violated its guidelines by financing certain stock market operations, as well as helping out a favored broker, Harshad Mehta, by putting through dummy transactions.

"This relationship enabled Mehta to route his securities through Grindlays, to ask Grind-

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Detroit Seeks New Limits on Japan

By Warren Brown and Peter Behr

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Executives of the Big Three U.S. car companies are seeking a "European solution" to limit the growth of Japanese car sales in the United States by setting a fixed percentage for Japan's share of the U.S. market, auto industry sources said.

In return, the officials have offered to support President Bill Clinton's proposed energy tax and the rest of his economic package.

According to administration sources, there has been no offer by U.S. officials to do anything for Detroit in return for the industry's support of the president's economic plan.

The sources described a meeting Friday between industry leaders and the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, as a discussion of auto industry issues similar in the leaders' meeting with Mr. Clinton in Little Rock before the inauguration.

Mr. Kantor also met Friday with top officials of the United Auto Workers union, which last week praised Mr. Clinton's economic plan as "farsighted" and "progressive."

"The administration wants us on board for its overall economic package," said one auto executive familiar with the meeting. "They especially don't want anybody bolting from President Clinton's plan for an energy tax."

The industry has an agenda of three items to limit the sales growth of Japanese cars in the United States, industry sources said.

First, the automakers "have floated the idea of a European solution," according to an industry source. "We would like to see the same thing here," one industry source said.

The European Community and Japan agreed last year to "monitor" Japanese auto exports through 1999, to give European automakers breathing space to prepare themselves for unfettered competition.

Japan agreed to cut auto exports to the Community by about 6 percent last year from 1.26 million vehicles in 1991. The two sides currently are negotiating limits for 1993, with Europe demanding a further reduction in view of the decline in the overall EC car market.

Japanese companies today hold about 11 percent of the European market, with some countries such as France and Italy imposing tighter limits. While exports make up the bulk of sales, Japanese makers are increasing their auto production in Europe rapidly.

In the United States, Japanese companies have agreed to so-called voluntary restrictions on exports for 12 years. Actual exports have fallen far short of the limit in recent years as the companies have built U.S. factories.

Japanese companies' overall share of the U.S. market has fallen to 27 percent from 30 percent over the past year as the Japanese

increased prices and U.S. makers improved their competitiveness.

The other two items on the U.S. industry's agenda includes an attempt by American car companies to have the White House reclassify minivans and sport-utility vehicles, such as Japanese versions of Chrysler's Jeeps and Ford's Explorers, as trucks.

Since the late 1980s, the U.S. Customs Service has been calling four-door versions of these vehicles cars, allowing them to come into the country at a 2.5 percent tariff instead of the 25 percent tariff for trucks.

Minivans and sport-utility vehicles, along with pickup trucks, have been the fastest-growing sales segment in the U.S. auto market.

The U.S. car companies also would like the administration to tighten up definitions of "domestic content" to force Japanese automakers that build cars in America to use more parts made by U.S. suppliers.

Currently, domestic content can be counted four different ways, giving Japanese concerns flexibility in what they can determine as domestic content, U.S. auto officials say.

Japanese auto representatives are opposed in the Detroit proposals. "The U.S. companies are asking for protection, and that protection is going to wind up costing the American consumer a lot of money," said Paul Ryan, a Washington representative of Nissan Motor Corp.

Hongkong Investors Warned

Hong Kong Tells Mystery Holders They Risk Stakes

Bloomberg Business News

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission, trying to identify major owners of the investment concern Hongkong Holdings, is warning that shares not registered by their current owners may be sold.

In mid-February, the Hong Kong government, acting at the request of the company, asked the executive director of the securities commission, Gerard McMahon, to investigate ownership of Hongkong shares.

Now, in an announcement to be published in Hong Kong newspaper Monday, Mr. McMahon said that if he cannot determine who owns a stake, he may ask the Hong Kong financial secretary to impose restrictions on its sale.

"The effect of any such restriction order would be that a transfer of such holding would be void," he said in a statement.

In addition to the imposition of such restrictions, Mr. McMahon said, "I may recommend to the financial secretary that he apply to the High Court of Hong Kong for the sale of such holding. Proceeds of such sale would be held by the High Court pending formal claim by beneficial owners."

Hongkong management asked the government to look into the matter after many of large holders refused to respond or gave inadequate responses to management's requests for information about themselves.

Hongkong's shares were suspended from the Hong Kong stock exchange in June 1991 because of the company's financial difficulties. A management team led by Michael Coorey took control of its affairs in January 1992, and its finances have improved since then.

In early February, a Hong Kong computer components and electrical products maker, Grande Holdings, said it intended to take control of Hongkong through a swap of assets for shares.

Marriott to Alter Its Proposal on Split

By Paul Farhi

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Marriott Corp. has agreed to change key aspects of its plan to split into two companies in order to settle a dispute with bondholders who have challenged the proposal.

Under a settlement plan that is expected to be made public later this week, Marriott plans to strengthen the weaker of the two proposed companies, known as Host Marriott, by shifting about \$700 million of its debt to the second entity, called Marriott International, a source said Friday.

In another move to appease bondholders, Marriott will offer them higher interest rates on their securities in exchange for a four-year extension of their maturities.

Marriott, the hotel and food-service giant based in Bethesda, Maryland, announced on Oct. 5 that it planned to split into two companies in an effort to boost its stock price and jump start its dormant hotel-building business.

The plan called for Marriott International to be largely debt-free, and for Host Marriott to assume the burden of paying off most of Marriott's \$2.8 billion in debt.

The concentration of the debt enraged bondholders, who feared that Host Marriott, the building company, would be too weak to keep making interest payments.

Marriott executives have been negotiating since December with two lawsuits challenging the restructuring plan are pending in U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

Marriott has negotiated the settlement with three major institutional bondholders, but will make the same offer to all of its bondholders.

The three institutional holders — the California Public Employees Retirement System, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and Investors Diversified Services — have held out the prospect of a lawsuit but have not yet sued.

Sources said Friday that Marriott and the three institutional investors

shook hands on a settlement deal Thursday. But spokesmen for Marriott and Calpers would not confirm such an agreement.

In trading on the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Marriott's shares rose \$1, reaching a 52-week high of \$25.875 per share.

Another group of eight institutional bondholders, meanwhile, has said it is pressing ahead with its lawsuit, despite the apparently imminent offer by Marriott.

The group, led by the Chicago-based PPM Group, bought \$120 million in bonds last spring. It has accused Marriott of securities fraud, arguing that the company should have disclosed that it was considering a split when it sold the bonds last year.

By shifting \$700 million in debt from Host Marriott's balance sheet to Marriott International's, the proposed settlement appears to undercut one rationale of the restructuring: keeping Marriott International largely debt-free.

Marriott executives had hoped to

give Marriott International a pristine balance sheet so it could borrow as it saw fit to expand quickly the number of hotels it manages. Under the settlement proposal, Marriott International would have just under \$900 million in debt, instead of about \$300 million.

The settlement envisions paying each bondholder a percentage point in additional interest, meaning a bond yielding 10 percent would earn 11 percent. At the same time, maturities of these bonds would lengthen by four years, so a bond maturing in 2000 now would do so in 2004, said people close to the talks.

The additional interest payments would raise Marriott's average borrowing cost to 10.4 percent a year from 9.4 percent, raising its annual pretax interest payments by \$13 million.

The plan does not shift real estate assets to Marriott International, preserving an important element of the strategy to turn it into a growth company. Investors are wary of companies with real estate assets because they are declining in value.

Paris Notebook

Putting the Market on the Right Road

The Americans have Wall Street, the British have the City, the Dutch have the Amsterdam Financial Center. Now the French, seeking to position Paris as one of the world's financial crossroads, want to find a name to put over their door as well.

That is one of the first challenges facing the new Paris-Place Financiere Internationale, an association charged, in part, with bolstering foreign interest and participation in French markets for stocks, bonds and investment instruments derived from them.

The association is a virtual Who's Who of Paris finance, grouping top officials of the Treasury, the Bank of France, the Paris Bourse, the Matif futures market, most major banks and insurance companies and several blue-chip companies such as LVMH, Rhodia-Poulenc and Michelin.

Arnaud de Bresson, executive director of the association, said that "Place" — the most common French name for the Paris financial markets — does not mean much to American or Asian institutional investors. Paris, he said, is further handicapped by the fact that, unlike New York and London, it has no well-defined financial district. Its financial institutions are spread from La Defense, west of Paris, to Bercy, on the eastern edge.

Nor is there a suitable edifice for the image-builders to focus on. Palais Brogniart, the majestic edifice that once housed the stock market — since gone electronic — is used

only for futures and options trading. Besides, non-French-speakers probably would find it hard to pronounce (pah-lay broh-nyar).

Suez Scenario

After several cool years, takeover fever is starting to burn again in Paris on speculation that Sir James Goldsmith has his eye on Compagnie de Suez.

Sir James is said to have around 15 billion francs (\$2.69 billion) available, which could secure him around 30 percent of Suez. According to the theory, other French blue-chips such as the insurance groups AXA and UAP would join the attack in a bid to sell off or gain control of Suez's assets, which include Banque Indosuez, Societe Generale de Belgique and Victoire-Colonis, an insurance company.

The evidence is circumstantial at best, but that did not prevent the hot pursuit of Suez stock, with 2.5 million shares of the French financial and industrial holding company changing hands Thursday and Friday as the share price soared 8 percent.

A Paris broker called the scenario "a great story" for the market.

Suez officials prefer to think investors are just showing their conviction that the worst is behind the company after it announced last week that it would post a loss of as much as

1.9 billion francs for 1992, largely because of soured Paris real estate loans.

Top Comes Down

While Suez and other big French banks suffer from bad real estate loans and investments, elite Paris is approaching affordable levels again for buyers — as long as they do not have to sell what they are living in first.

A recent survey by French notaries, who play an important part in real estate transactions, showed that the average square meter of space had dropped 11 percent in value in 1992, to 19,500 francs, in line with the percentage drop in the number of transactions.

But the top of the market suffered the most. Sale prices on apartments of five rooms or more took a 27 percent dive from 1991, to an average of 3.75 million francs a transaction. Prices slumped 20 percent in the fashionable 16th arrondissement in western Paris, to 25,432 francs a square meter, and 17 percent in the more central 7th arrondissement, to 30,316 francs a square meter.

Demand for office space in the 8th arrondissement — which includes the Avenue des Champs-Elysees — limited the average decline to 3.8 percent, making that district the most expensive one at 32,063 francs a square meter.

Jacques Neber

Stiglitz Rounds Out Clinton Advisory Panel

By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has chosen Joseph E. Stiglitz, a Stanford University professor respected for his research on the imperfections of markets, to be the third member of the Council of Economic Advisers, administration officials said over the weekend.

Several economists said it was quite a coup for Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the council's chairwoman, to land Mr. Stiglitz, who in the view of many is one of the favorites to win a Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science.

Mr. Stiglitz, 50, is scheduled to begin work in Washington on Monday, officials said, although he is not expected to be confirmed for several more weeks. Talk of his likely appointment had circulated in Washington in recent weeks.

Administration officials said that while Ms. Tyson oversees the council's activities, Mr. Stiglitz will concentrate on macroeconomic areas like regulation. The other council member, Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist, will focus on macroeconomic matters like taxes and economic forecasts.

Over the past two decades, Mr. Stiglitz has developed a reputation

as one of the nation's leading economic theoreticians, doing landmark work on public finance, labor markets, credit and the economics of the developing world.

"We call him Jumping Joe," said Rudiger Dornbusch, an economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "He's a restless researcher and teacher. In terms of professional reputation, I think he's the most distinguished economist running free."

When Mr. Clinton appointed Ms. Tyson to head the council in December, many economists suggested she would have a hard time attracting top-notch economists to the council because she is not considered one of the nation's leading macroeconomists. But now that she has enlisted Mr. Stiglitz and Mr. Blinder, Ms. Tyson has proved them wrong.

Indeed, some economists say that few other counsils had as much intellectual firepower as the one headed by Ms. Tyson. Comparisons are already being drawn between the current council and the council under President John F. Kennedy, which was headed by Walter Heller and included James A. Tobin, who later won a Nobel prize.

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CURRENCY RATES March 5. Cross Rates table with columns for currency, rate, and change. Other Dollar Values table with columns for currency, rate, and change. Forward Rates table with columns for currency, rate, and change.



WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL BOND PRICES

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Bond Funds Divided on Outlook for Long Rates

By Carole Gould
NEW YORK — Where are U.S. interest rates headed following the bond rally of the past three weeks? A survey of some top-notch bond fund managers found a consensus that short-term rates will stay basically stable in 1993, given Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan's support for President Bill Clinton's economic package.

Job Surge Fails to Derail the Bond Rally

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — A surprisingly large jump in jobs in February appeared to shut the door on prospects for an interest-rate easing by the Federal Reserve, but it has not killed the powerful rally in long-term bonds, analysts said.

Yields on short-term notes also rose but still ended lower Friday than they were a week ago. The yield on the five-year note, which jumped as high as 5.29 percent after the jobs report, closed at 5.10 percent, up from 5.05 percent the previous Friday.

according to Govpx Inc., a bond-pricing service. Since the introduction of President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction program more than three weeks ago, the yield on the 10-year bond has fallen more than a third of a percentage point. Last week it touched the lowest level in 16 years, or since 30-year bonds were first regularly auctioned by the Treasury.

Finally, many bond funds have a lot of cash on hand from new investors that has to be put to work. "The strength of the rally has caught many traders off guard, but the rally continues to be fueled by people needing to be involved," said Peter McTeague, market strategist for Technical Data, a division of Thomson Financial Services.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, March 8-12

Table listing economic events for various countries from March 8 to 12, including interest rate decisions, employment reports, and government announcements.

BONDS: Yields Tumble

(Continued from first finance page) rates may snap before a re-evaluation of the DM's credentials allows a greater reduction in interest rates elsewhere.

Swiss Casino Measure Passes

BERN — Almost 120 years after Swiss casinos were outlawed, voters Sunday overwhelmingly endorsed a government proposal aimed at recouping some of the money spent by Swiss gamblers abroad.

Euromark At a Glance

Table showing Euromark yields for various currencies and maturities, including U.S. 10-year Treasury, U.S. 3-month Treasury, and others.

Italy Targets Growth in Joblessness

ROME — The government has unveiled a package of decrees aimed at curbing the rise in unemployment and limiting its social impact.

INDIA: 2 Banks Cited in Scandal

(Continued from first finance page) it hoped to release a fifth report on other institutions involved, but it did not say when. "Simultaneously with the release of that report, the committee will issue its final report," the Reserve Bank said.

Asia-Pacific

March 7 Shanghai, China Hong Kong
Singapore Vice President Alexander Ruskov of Russia being two-day visit. Outlook: Will pitch for business investments from Singapore companies.

ASIA: Industry Policy Cuts 2 Ways

(Continued from page 1) notably the United States. But providing specific support to particular industries — "picking winners and losers" — has become more difficult.

Terrorism in New York

The U.S. economy
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The Japanese recession

Table showing exchange rates for various countries, including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K.

Last Week's Markets

Table showing stock indices (DAX, Nikkei, FTSE 100) and money rates (U.S. 1-month, 3-month, 6-month, 1-year) for various currencies.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Algeria Backs Off Liberalization

ALGIERS (Reuters) — The government, putting "social justice" ahead of free-market reforms, froze wages Sunday and promised not to devalue the currency or allow large-scale layoffs in industry. A strategy paper from Prime Minister Belaid Abdesselam published by the official news media marked an about-face from the economic liberalization urged for Algeria by Western creditors and the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Belaid is also the economy minister.

Singapore Promises to Help Russia

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong pledged Sunday that Singapore would help Russia improve its relations with the wealthy countries of eastern Asia and obtain easier access to the region's advanced technology and capital. "Singapore will be happy to work with Russia to bring about closer links between Russia and our region," Mr. Goh told the visiting Russian vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi.

Merrill's Head Makes \$7.4 Million

WASHINGTON — William Schreyer, chairman of Merrill Lynch & Co., received \$7.4 million in compensation for 1992, according to a proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission last week. Mr. Schreyer also received a long-term incentive bonus of \$3.7 million.

Furor on Supercomputer Deal U.S. Industry Cries Foul as U.K. Gets Order

By John Markoff New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — In a controversial decision that raises issues of national security and economic competitiveness, one of the United States' leading weapons laboratories is buying a supercomputer from the U.S. branch of a British company rather than from one of several American makers. The decision by the Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, an Energy Department scientific research and weapons-design center east of San Francisco, to buy the \$15 million computer from the British company, Meiko World Inc., sent shock waves through the highly competitive supercomputer industry. It had been widely believed that only U.S. and Japanese makers were in the race to build such machines. In 1991, Meiko sold supercomputers to an Israeli educational institution that was reportedly involved with the design of nuclear weapons. The United States has been unsuccessful in trying to persuade European governments to sign a treaty between the United States and Japan that controls supercomputer exports. "These are American tax dollars that shouldn't be spent in lowering our national security by pumping up a company that has a bad export record," said Gary Milholin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. "The result of the sale is going to make this dangerous export more of a danger."

Sime Sees Profit At a Plateau After 9% Rise

KUALA LUMPUR — Sime Darby Bhd. posted a 9 percent rise in net profit in its first half ended Dec. 31, but the conglomerate said results in the second half were unlikely to show noticeable improvement as in previous years. Sime reported group net profit of 170.9 million ringgit (\$65.4 million) in the first half, up from 156.4 million a year earlier. Profit in the current half should stay at the same level as the first, it said. Sales rose 6.8 percent to 3.32 billion from 3.11 billion. Malaysia was the top profit contributor because of strong results from the oil and gas division, Sime said. Hong Kong performed well but political unrest has created uncertainty over prospects, it said.

U.K. Executives Grow Confident of Recovery

LONDON — Business confidence in Britain jumped in the past two months to the highest level since October 1991, but consumer confidence will have to match the gains to ensure recovery, the Institute of Directors said Sunday. The percentage of corporate directors who were more optimistic about the economy jumped to 51 percent in the group's latest poll from 38 percent in December and 10 percent in October. pessimists fell to 20 percent from 36 percent and 67 percent. The group said consumer confidence has to rise or the recovery "will remain weak and fragile." "With business confidence improving, volumes of business rising and prices being held, the prospects for noninflationary growth in the economy are good," said Peter Morgan, director-general of the association of business executives. "It is now up to the government to ensure that no action is taken in the forthcoming budget which introduces inflationary pressures into the economy," Mr. Morgan said. The chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, is to outline the government's tax plans for the fiscal year starting April 1 in a speech to Parliament on March 16. A split among the seven economists advising Mr. Lamont broke out over the weekend as one of the so-called wise men, Tim Congdon, said the others had ignored the role of money supply. Mr. Congdon, who believes the economy is inflated largely by money supply, urged the government to raise taxes by £12 billion (\$17.3 billion) to curb its deficit. Professor Wynne Godley of Cambridge University, one of the wise men, said Mr. Congdon's criticism was "crazy and possibly libellous." Another wise man, Patrick Minford of Liverpool University, said talk of raising taxes was "foolish" and urged the government to cut rates more aggressively because the recovery has stalled. (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday, March 5.

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MONDAY SPORTS RUGBY

A Tower of Strength Has His Limits, Too

Top Aide Pettibon Replaces Gibbs, Who 'Coached' Till He Dropped

ASHBURN, Virginia — Joe Gibbs coached until he dropped. That's how the Washington Redskins' general manager, a firm admirer of the three-time Super Bowl winning coach, explained the resignation of a man some compared to Vince Lombardi.

Gibbs never used a four-letter word; Pettibon's pregame talks may be salty. Gibbs is a devout Christian whose traveling party often included an array of preachers. He has invested heavily in a home for troubled youths.



Colorado's Don Baylor, left, enjoyed a chat with another rookie manager, San Francisco's Dusty Baker, in Tucson, Arizona, before Baylor's expansion team gave him an even more enjoyable 7-2 victory in its debut. The Rockies scored four times in the third, on one hit.

Who's on First? Bo Jackson, Sort Of

PORT CHARLOTTE, Florida — Bo Jackson's comeback from hip replacement surgery hit a defensive snag when he made three errors at first base in Texas's 6-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Ripken, who is seeking to replace Julio Franco at second base for the Rangers, got two hits, scored twice and made a sparkling play in the field.

Wetland, third in the National League with 37 saves last season, will not pitch for six weeks and will not be ready by opening day.

The Cubs star was furious with Jackson, saying there was no need to throw "two up-and-in fastballs this time in spring training."

England Routs Scotland, 26-12

But France Retains Edge In Five Nations Title Race

LONDON — Marshaled by the recalled Stuart Barnes, England bounced back in spectacular fashion from its disaster in Wales to hammer Scotland, 26-12, but likely has had its string of Five Nations rugby union championships ended.

In the 46th minute, Barnes got the ball at his 22. A fake split the defense and Guscott was suddenly racing clear down the field. His pass to Rory Underwood was perfect and the winger scored.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

A large table containing NASDAQ market data, including stock prices, volume, and market indices. It is organized into columns and rows, with various stock symbols and their corresponding values.



# MONDAY SPORTS BOXING

## Whitaker Beats Hampered McGirt

**NEW YORK** — Although Pernell Whitaker didn't know it then, there wasn't as much at stake against Buddy McGirt as he thought.

Whitaker was going to get the undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez, one way or the other, in what could well be the biggest fight of 1993.

Whitaker scored a close but unanimous 12-round decision over McGirt on Saturday night in Madison Square Garden, winning his third world championship, the WBC welterweight title.

Now, he'll fight Chavez in September, either in Las Vegas or San Antonio, Texas, as a welterweight. Had he lost, promoter Don King already had made arrangements for Chavez to fight for Whitaker's IBF junior welterweight crown.

Chavez, of Mexico, holds the WBC junior welterweight title and would be going after his fourth world championship. He also has held junior lightweight and lightweight titles.

Whitaker, who wasn't told until after the fight that the paperwork for the Chavez bout was all but completed, said, "Chavez was not on my mind. We're going to get together. We'll see who's the best fighter pound-for-pound."

Whitaker's promoter, Dan Duva, said the

fight would be Sept. 18 in Las Vegas. "We think."

Sunday, King speculated on Sept. 9 in San Antonio's new *Alamo Dome*. King handles Chavez's promotions.

"We can get 60,000 in there. Remember the Alamo," King said.

In the meantime, King said, Chavez would fight another good junior welterweight, Terrence Ali, on May 8 in Las Vegas on the same card with Lennox Lewis's first WBC heavyweight defense, against Tony Tucker.

Two of the three judges for Whitaker-McGirt called it close. Chuck Giampi had it for Whitaker 115-113. Rudy Ortega scored it 117-111. For McGirt, who hadn't lost since 1983, fought without his most effective weapon, a left hook.

He has been bothered by tendinitis in his left shoulder and did not throw more than a half-dozen hooks in the fight. None was effective.

"My arm went. What can I say?" McGirt said as his handlers whisked him directly from the Garden to a hospital for X-rays.

"I knew it wasn't 100 percent," McGirt said. "I was hoping I could get by with it, but I couldn't. I know I need surgery on it. I'm going to do it right. After I get this surgery, I'll come back and win the title."

Whitaker, 29, of Norfolk, Virginia, is 32-1 with 15 knockouts since turning pro after winning a gold medal at the 1984 Olympics.

■ **A Stunned Benn Wins on Decision**  
Nigel Benn was stunned by a solid right just before the final bell but still won a unanimous decision Saturday over Mario Galvano of Italy to hang on to his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title. The Associated Press reported from Glasgow.

Benn wobbled but survived the follow-up blows. When the final bell sounded, he staggered back to his corner.

"He caught me with a good shot and my legs went," Benn said. "But I've still got my belt." Benn won the title from Galvano in Marino, near Rome, in a controversial decision last October.

■ **Wamba and Vasquez Retain Titles**  
Anatoli Wamba of France retained his WBC cruiserweight title and Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico kept his WBA super-bantamweight crown on decisions Saturday in Levallois, a suburb of Paris. The Associated Press reported.

Wamba defeated David Veddor of the United States, while Vasquez defeated Luis Mendoza of Columbia.



Wilfredo Vasquez, ducking a left from Luis Mendoza, retained his WBA title.

## Johnson Won't Appeal, Says He's Retiring

**TORONTO** — Sprinter Ben Johnson, suspended for life after a second failed drug test, announced Sunday that he was retiring and would not appeal the ruling.

In a statement read by his lawyers at a news conference, Johnson said: "I have had a long career in track. I experienced success and failure. I said after the Seoul Olympics that I would come back and compete clean. I know that I did."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced Friday in Paris that Johnson had tested positive for performance-enhancing substances at a meet Jan. 17. The Canadian runner was suspended from the 1988 Olympics in Seoul for steroid use and this second offense led to the lifetime ban.

The sprinter, 31, could have appealed the ruling but his lawyers said it would cost from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

### SCOREBOARD

NBA Standings			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
New York	22	18	.556
New Jersey	22	25	.467
Boston	21	26	.446
Orlando	21	27	.438
Atlanta	20	27	.426
Philadelphia	19	28	.404
Washington	18	30	.378
Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago	28	16	.636
Cleveland	27	18	.599
Charlotte	26	20	.565
Indiana	25	21	.543
Memphis	23	23	.500
Detroit	22	24	.479
Milwaukee	22	24	.479
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Houston	27	17	.613
San Antonio	26	21	.556
Utah	24	24	.500
Denver	23	24	.490
Minnesota	21	26	.446
Dallas	20	27	.426
Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	23	20	.535
Seattle	22	21	.511
Portland	22	21	.511
LA Lakers	20	25	.444
LA Clippers	19	26	.419
Sacramento	18	28	.391
FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	22	26	.452
Boston	22	27	.446
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# MONDAY SPORTS BASKETBALL

## Aamodt Adds Luster To a Brilliant Year

### Kit's Downhill Victory Vanishes Into a 'Little Hole' in the Course

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ASPEN, Colorado — Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway continued to ski brilliantly Sunday, easily winning a World Cup super-giant slalom on a course that showed none of the problems encountered in a controversial downhill on Saturday.

Aamodt, winner of two gold medals and a silver at the recent World Championships, completed the Aspen course in 1 minute, 17.48 seconds to beat Stefan Eberharter of Austria, who was clocked in 1:18.01. Swiss veteran Daniel Mahrer finished third in 1:18.15.

In sharp contrast to the downhill, called off because of course deterioration after A.J. Kitt of the United States had apparently won that race, Sunday's run posed no such difficulties. "It was a perfect course, fast and challenging, just what a super-G should be," Mahrer said.

Aamodt made a decision that drew complaints from many racers and U.S. team officials. Kitt had his almost-certain downhill victory taken away when a Swiss protest over racing conditions was endorsed by International Ski Federation safety officials.

Kitt, Marc Girardelli and other top racers disagreed with the decision and said they would boycott an afternoon restart of the event, which was ordered by referee Karl Fehrer of Austria and his assistant, Sapp Messner of Italy.

When it became obvious that many racers and teams sided with the American view, the race jury was forced to cancel the restart. The downhill will now be raced at another site later this month.

At issue was a hole on the section of the 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) Ruthie's Run course known as Strawpile.

Despite the U.S. contention that the hole was not big enough to cause trouble, it did, in fact, Germany's Markus Wasmeier nearly excited the course when his ski slipped down into the hole, and Austria's Patrick Ortlieb, the Olympic champion, tore a ligament in his left leg at the same spot.

Still, Howard Peterson, head of U.S. Skiing, called the decision to void the race results "absurd."

"A standard was set that's far higher than any standard set in Europe," he said, arguing that Messner and Fehrer were "just simply wanting to make an example of us because they think they can get away with it here."

"It's just a little hole," Peterson said. "There's 20 or 30 of those holes on any typical World Cup in Europe."

Fehrer defended the decision because of the position of the hole. "This one was really crucial because it came through there at 120 kilometers per hour," he said.

Kitt said he learned of the hole in a course report radioed up to him by teammate Tommy Moe, and that he didn't get near it during a scintillating run of 1:42.26 that gave him a lead of almost a second over Norway's Atle Skardal and Girardelli.

"As far as I'm concerned, the conditions were fine," Kitt said.

A course hold was called just as Mahrer pushed off for his run as the ninth starter among the top seed of 15. After a delay of more than an hour, the race was called off.

(Reuters, AP)



Deborah Compagnoni speeding to victory in the super-giant slalom at Morzine, France, on Sunday.

## North Carolina Smothers Duke With 2d-Half Spurt

The Associated Press

Top-ranked North Carolina opened the second half with a 16-0 run and went on to an 83-69 victory over No. 6 Duke on Sunday.

The Tar Heels (26-3, 14-2) had already clinched first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference and Duke (23-6, 10-6) knew it could only finish third in the league.

The win was North Carolina's ninth straight, its last loss coming at Duke last month. The Blue Devils had won four straight overall and had beaten the Tar Heels the last three times they met.

Duke played its sixth straight game without forward Grant Hill, who has a sprained toe on his right foot. The loss was the second for Duke since Hill's injury, but indications are the 6-foot-8 (2.05-meter) junior will play in the ACC tournament that begins Thursday.

The Tar Heels led 40-30 at half-time and the run that started the second half showed why they are No. 1.

Eric Montross scored the first five points in the burst. Then George Lynch, one of five North Carolina seniors playing their last home game, scored on a rebound. Brian Reese scored the next three points, then Donald Williams hit two straight turnaround jumpers. Derrick Phelps ended the run with two free throws, and the Tar Heels led 56-31 just 4:42 into the second half.

During that stretch, Duke missed 10 shots from the field and committed three turnovers.

Duke pulled within 64-54 with 8:50 to play on a 3-pointer by Thomas Hill, but Lynch scored on a rebound and Williams hit his fifth 3-pointer of the game, putting North Carolina in command.

Williams had a career-high 27 points for the Tar Heels, while Montross finished with 18.

Freshman Chris Collins led Duke with 15 points, while Bobby Hurley, the Blue Devils' star guard, was held to six points.

No. 22 Louisville 83, Notre Dame 68: In Louisville, Kentucky, Dwayne Morton scored 14 points and Greg Minor had 13 as Louisville (18-8) inflicted a seventh straight defeat on Notre Dame (9-18). Monty Williams scored a career-high 34 points for the Irish, who scored the first 14 points and then saw Louisville catch up just before the half.

Louisville began slowly because it started four seniors, three of whom were reserves this season, who were playing in their final regular-season game in Freedom Hall. By the time Louisville coach Denny Crum replaced three of the seniors, the Irish led, 7-0, after three minutes. They scored seven more points before Brian Hoggood ended Louisville's drought with a rebound basket at the six-minute mark.

In Saturday's games involving ranked teams, The Associated Press reported:

No. 7 Vanderbilt 77, South Carolina 73: In Columbia, South Carolina, Bill McCaffrey had 19 points and Vanderbilt won its first outright Southeastern Conference title since 1965.

The Commodores (25-4 overall, 14-2 conference), lost almost all of a 23-point lead, but made seven of nine foul shots in the final minute to win their eighth straight.

Texas-El Paso 79, No. 9 Utah 70: In El Paso, Texas, the Miners' victory over Utah dropped the Utes into a tie for the Western Athletic Conference regular-season title.

Utah (22-5) still will have the No. 1 seed in next week's postseason WAC tournament, but the Utes tied with Brigham Young, both with 15-3 conference records.

The Miners took the lead early and never relinquished control as Ralph Davis scored 24 points.

No. 10 Seton Hall 92, No. 25 St. John's 73: In East Rutherford, New Jersey, the Pirates won their first outright Big East championship as Terry Dehere set the conference career scoring record with 1,293 points, three more than Chris Mullin scored in 1981-85 for St. John's. Dehere finished with 36 points for Seton Hall (24-6, 14-4). Shawnelle Scott had 17 for St. John's (17-9 and 12-6) which finished in second place in the league.

No. 12 Cincinnati 78, Memphis State 55: In Cincinnati, the Bearcats' shut-down inference Hardaway and beat the Tigers in a showdown for the Great Midwest Conference regular-season championship. The Bearcats (22-4, 8-2) took control midway through the first half with a 17-2 run. Hardaway, who leads the conference with a 23.3 average, scored just nine for the Tigers (19-10, 7-3).

Auburn 81, No. 13 Arkansas 80: In Auburn, Alabama, Wesley Perron hit a 3-pointer with two seconds remaining as Auburn rallied from a 15-point deficit in the final eight minutes to beat the Razorbacks, (19-7, 10-6 SEC). Ronnie Battle scored 28 for Auburn, (15-10, 8-8), and Perron added 27.

No. 14 Wake Forest 80, North Carolina State 68: In Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Ramondoff Childress scored 28 points as Wake Forest completed its best regular season in nine years.

Wake Forest broke open the game with a 14-0 run in the second half. The Demon Deacons (19-7, 10-6 ACC) have their best record since the 1984 team closed with a 20-7 mark.

No. 24 Purdue 69, No. 15 Iowa 58: In West Lafayette, Indiana, Big Ten scoring and rebounding leader Glenn Robinson had 30 points and 12 rebounds to lead Purdue (17-8, 8-8 Big Ten) over Iowa (19-8, 8-7).

The Hawkeyes hurt themselves at the free throw line, scoring only two points in the final four minutes. Kenyon Murray missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 3:40 remaining and Russ Millard die the same with 2:49 left.

California State-Fullerton 84, No. 16 University of Nevada-Las Vegas 83: In Fullerton, California, Aaron Sunderland hit a 15-foot jumper with one second remaining to beat the Runnin' Rebels (20-6, 13-5 Big West). It's the first time in 12 years that UNLV has not won or shared the conference title, won by New Mexico State.

Fullerton (15-11, 10-8) had lost three in a row and six of nine.

J.R. Rider led UNLV with 32 points and 16 rebounds.

No. 17 New Orleans 63, Louisiana Tech 52: In Bienville, Mississippi, New Orleans survived the absence of senior center Ervin Johnson and eliminated Louisiana Tech from the Sun Belt Conference tournament. The Privateers (25-2) never trailed and won their 12th straight game. Johnson, the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, didn't play because of a moderate sprain of the right ankle.

Louisiana Tech (7-21) won't go to a postseason tournament for the first time in a decade.

Duquesne 88, No. 18 Xavier 72: In Pittsburgh, Alan Watkins, Derrick Alston and Kenya Hunter each scored 20 points as Duquesne ended Xavier's nine-game winning streak.

Xavier (21-4, 12-2 Midwestern Conference) lost for the first time since Jan. 27 at Cincinnati.

No. 20 Tulane 91, South Florida 75: In New Orleans, Anthony Reed scored 23 points and broke the school scoring record as the Green Wave ended a three-game losing streak.

Reed, a 6-foot-9 (2.06-meter) center, moved ahead of Paul Thompson and John Williams with 1,853 career points for Tulane (21-7, 9-3 Metro Conference).

New Mexico State 78, 21 Brigham Young 76: In Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Lobos used a barrage of 3-pointers and some flawless free throw shooting down the stretch to hold off the Cougars.

Steve Logan scored 21 points, including four free throws in the final 27 seconds for the Lobos (21-6, 13-5).

## Compagnoni Caps Comeback From Her Olympic Injury

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MORZINE, France — Capping a yearlong comeback, Deborah Compagnoni of Italy won a World Cup super-giant slalom on Sunday, her first gold medal since the 1992 Winter Olympics.

Compagnoni's super-G gold medal celebrations in Albertville came to a sudden halt two days later when she tore her left knee ligaments in the giant slalom.

Working herself back into form.

Compagnoni made consistent progress early this season, posting two third place finishes in giant slalom races. Last week in Yvezzonaz, Switzerland, she showed signs that her comeback was nearly complete with a fourth place super-G finish.

Still, Sunday's victory surprised her. "I really didn't think my first win would come so quickly," she said. "After my injury, you need at least one year to come back."

"I'm still not quite in top form," Compagnoni said. "I was sure Merle and Wachter would be stronger."

Compagnoni charged down the 1,700-meter (1,859-yard) course in 1 minute, 12.66 seconds, edging out super-G world champion Katja Seizinger of Germany.

Seizinger, who secured the World Cup downhill title with a victory Saturday, was second in 1:12.80. Anita Wachter of Austria protected her lead atop the overall World Cup standings, crossing third in 1:12.96.

Carole Merle of France, looking for a fifth consecutive World Cup super-G title, finished a disappointing eighth in 1:13.26.

With one race remaining, Merle clings to the lead in the overall super-G standings with 286 points but is pursued closely by Wachter with 277 and Ulrike Maier of Austria with 276.

The super-G title, which Merle has owned since 1989, will now be decided at the World Cup finale in Are, Sweden.

"We'll see in that last race," Merle said.

Wachter's third-place finish in the super-G allowed her to maintain a comfortable lead atop the overall standings with 1,027 points.

Seizinger, however, continued to chip away at the Austrian's advantage, improving her second place total to 932.

Despite the fact that Seizinger is closing the gap, Wachter insists that she's looking over her shoulder at Merle, who sits third with 846.

"I'm happy I could put Merle a little bit further behind," said Wachter. "Seizinger has no chance to win a giant slalom or slalom like Merle does. Merle is the person I have to fear."

Still, Seizinger was happy, calling this "a successful weekend for me."

Her narrow victory Saturday, her third downhill triumph of the season, came over teammate Regina Hansl, who was just 0.02 seconds behind Seizinger's 1:18.88 over the 2,050-meter course.

On Sunday, most racers were unhappy with the condition of the slope and snow in temperatures of 14 degrees centigrade (57.2 degrees Fahrenheit).

"The snow was far too soft," Seizinger said. "It was the most difficult slope of the season to ski on."

(AP, UPI)

## Barkley Gone, Johnson Saves Sinking Suns

The Associated Press

Kevin Johnson, who had to sit and watch for much of this season in the National Basketball Association while Charles Barkley carried the load for the Phoenix Suns, got his chance to reciprocate.

Barkley was ejected because of a flagrant foul with nearly 7 1/2 minutes left to play in the game in Dallas and the Suns' point guard scored in a season high 28 points as Phoenix survive a scare from the hapless Mavericks, 109-102.

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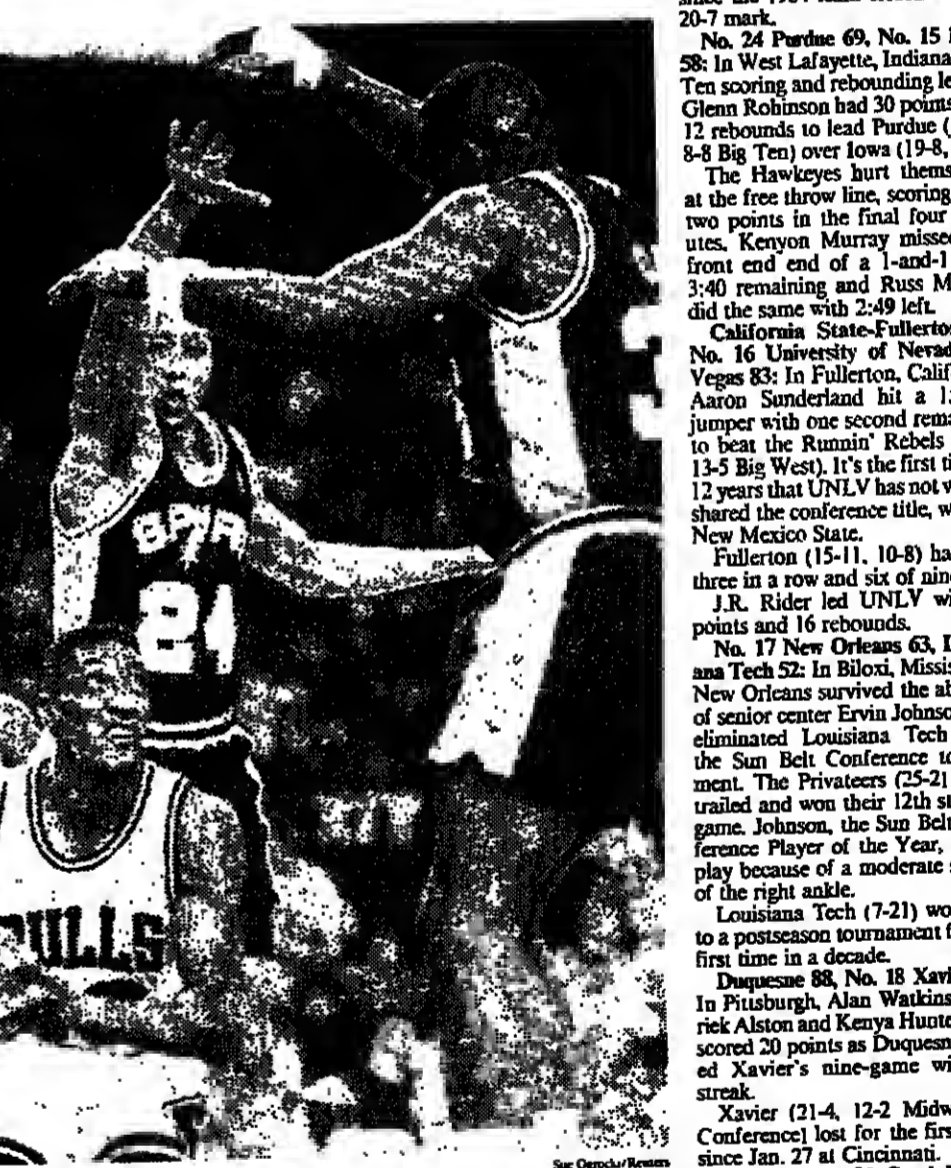
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### SIDELINES

**Nobilo Wins European Golf Tourney**

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — Frank Nobilo of New Zealand, who led by two strokes entering Sunday's final round, got up and down from a bunker on the last hole to win the Mediterranean Open golf tournament by one shot.

Gordon Brand Jr. of Scotland shot a 68 and David Febery of Northern Ireland carded 69 to share second place at 280, while defending champion Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain shot 66 to finish another shot back with three others.

Greg Norman equaled his course record of 62 and held a six-stroke lead over Paul Azinger going into Sunday's final round of the Doral Ryder Open in Miami, Florida. (NYT)

Hajime Meshizi shot 3-under-par 69 and beat American Todd Hamilton by two shots in the Tokai Corporation Cup tournament, the season opener on the Japan PGA tour. (AP)

### Milan May Withdraw Olympic Bid

MILAN (AP) — The corruption scandal that has battered Italy's political and business establishments will probably cost Milan its bid to host the Summer Olympics in 2000, promoters said Sunday.

The Milan Olympic Promotional Committee was expected to announce the withdrawal after a meeting Sunday.

"Right now there is nothing official," Massimo Moretti, vice president of the Milan Olympic Promotional Committee and Milan's sports commissioner was quoted as saying in Sunday's La Repubblica, a Rome newspaper. "But I cannot deny that right now the prevailing idea is that of pulling out of the race."

### For the Record

Japan defeated South Korea, 11-4, in the final to win the Asian baseball championships in Perth, Australia. Japan, which finished the tournament with a 6-0 record, and South Korea qualify for next year's world championships in Nicaragua, along with third-place Taiwan and fourth-place Australia.

Thierry Harismedjy, 22, a member of the French national judo team, was fatally injured Sunday in Tokyo when he was hit by a car at a crossing, police said. He was among 15 French judokas who had been training at the University of Tsukuba, 60 kilometers (36 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

Johnny Unitas, the Hall of Fame quarterback for the Baltimore Colts, underwent coronary bypass surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center. His family said that Unitas was expected to make a full recovery.

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## U.S. Blows Out Turkey in Youth Soccer

The Associated Press

SYDNEY — Striker Chris Faklaris spearheaded the United States to a 6-0 victory over European champion Turkey in soccer's World Youth Championship on Sunday, while Saudi Arabia held two-time champion Brazil to a 0-0 draw.

The under-20 Americans upset Turkey with a series of whirlwind attacks in Melbourne, scoring three times in each half to move to the top of Group C in the 16-nation championship.

In another Group C match, England scored a late equalizer to draw 1-1, with South Korea. Mexico swamped Norway, 3-0, as left winger Vicente Nieto scored twice. Mexico leads Group D with two points, ahead of Brazil and

Saudi Arabia, which both have one point after their low-key draw in Adelaide.

Faklaris scored three times, while Miles Joseph netted twice and Imad Baba also was on target for the Americans.

"After we got the first goal, their heads dropped and they never got back into the game," Faklaris said.

The Americans, whose squad comprises four high school students and 14 collegians, constantly kept the pressure on Turkish goalkeeper Yekim Akman.

"The players were so pumped up at being the tournament's outsiders," said the U.S. coach, Bobby Howe. "We proved tonight that we can play with skill and tactical awareness."

In the England-South Korea game, defender Ian Pearce leveled the score with six minutes remaining when he headed home an Alan Thompson corner kick.

The quick and clever Koreans had taken the lead in the 52d minute when defender Steve Watson miscued a clearance and it flew into his own net past goalkeeper David Watson.

Meantime, German midfielder Guido Jores is expected to be sidelined for four months after breaking his right ankle in Saturday night's match against Portugal in Brisbane. Germany beat the defending champions, 1-0.

And in another development, Russian officials said they would ask FIFA, the world governing

body, to suspend Spartak Moscow striker Vladimir Bestchastnykh after he failed to join the Russian team in Australia.

Bestchastnykh played for Spartak in a European Cup Winners' Cup match in the Netherlands on Tuesday night and was supposed to fly to Australia. He never arrived.

Van Basten Stays in Milan

Marco van Basten, European and world player of the year, has signed for AC Milan for a further three years, Agence France-Press reported.

The 29-year-old striker, whose original contract expires on June 30, agreed a deal late Friday night that will keep him at the club until 1996. The contract is believed to be worth \$1.27 million a season.

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LANGUAGE

A Dog Bag: Breakfast, Bait and Ears

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Grown dogs don't eat breakfast. Oh, I give my Bernese Mountain dogs, James and Heidi, a hard cookie apiece to shut up their racket in the morning, but they know that one session a day wolfing down their kibble is their lot, which is called their "meal."

We have strayed. What alternatives are there to a dog's breakfast for the writer who wants to describe a mixed bag? Furrage is a favorite of mine, a 1632 noun rooted in the Latin for "mixed fodder."

The World of Interactive 'Edutainment'

PARIS — Lights! Camera! Interaction! Interaction is the current media buzzword, intriguing not only to those who see megabucks in the possibilities of viewers being able to compose a TV program simply by touching a corner of the screen but to cardiologists who believe that if couch potatoes were to let go of their remote controls and actually rise to approach the screen their life expectancy might increase.



Titus Leber: "There's something strangely autodynamic in this multimedia thing."

MARY BLUME ing, endoscopy or fly fishing. But Titus Leber, an Austrian filmmaker converted to multimedia projects, is out to change that. In time, he says there will be interactive feature films featuring the many thoughts that might pass through a character's mind. At the moment he is working on three big projects to which he has given the rather unlovely name of edutainment.

Leber already has two interactive packages on the market, "Mozart Interaktiv" and "Vienna: The Spirit of a City." He is showing a part of the Louvre's collection for an audiovisual installation in the museum's new Middle Eastern wing, and this week he starts filming a project developed by Unesco and backed by a Japanese corporation of 50 laser disks on the world's cultural and natural heritage.

At the same time, Leber, dapper in a three-piece mustard-tweed suit and looking only slightly strained around the eyes, is working day and night on the biggest project of all, "Eurodisc" in partnership with IBM. "The three projects were timed to run one after another, not parallel," he says. "There's something strangely autodynamic in this multimedia thing."

The point is to offer users an infinite variety of images. "The Vienna or Mozart in real time takes half an hour on a laser disk but if you want to watch all the different possibilities you can spend up to five or six weeks on it," Leber says. The storage capacity of a disk the size of a long-playing record is nearly 60,000 images that can be programmed numberless ways and watched on a home computer or a TV screen.

"Vienna: The Spirit of a City" is a grand tour of 20 major Viennese museums (users can call up art works, buildings, coffee houses, Habsburg rule, Lippizzaner horses, the Anschluss and "The Third Man").

150 still and video clips, a sound track and written material, as well as the possibility to write history by adding one's own data. The project will be previewed in May at a multimedia conference in Japan. The first disk will be available at the end of this year in five languages. The first edition will comprise eight disks on CD-ROM, to sell at about \$150 each.

On the walls of Leber's office are long scrolls showing 2,500 years of European history in the form of family trees with subjects in three languages: "Europe Gothique... Guelfen und Guibellin... Anne of Cleves... Swift Voyages de Gulliver... Mutiny on the Bounty... Handel, Gluck." The history goes on today, and further since the user can add material.

"It's a global project," Leber says, "and the idea is to give the new generation of Europeans the possibility of breaking away from the very old nationalistic traditional linear way of understanding history to see through multimedia what each neighbor has contributed to this big common thing which is Europe."

With edutainment the user can see what happened in several countries in a given year — "Does anyone realize that the invention of the steam engine and 'The Magic Flute' were contemporaneous?" Leber asks — and to get, say, both the French and British views on Waterloo. If it, Leber says, a voyage in space and time.

"Let us take an emperor. Besides his connections in space, which were vast, there were more subtle things — whom did he marry, with whom did he get on well, why did he sponsor certain artists and not others. It goes even further to see the myths that have been built around certain rulers — the importance of King Arthur in the 19th century, Oedipus from Greek vase paintings to Freud." Edutainment, Leber says, means education giving pleasure. "I think it's an important concept for a new generation of kids who are used to zapping in front of the TV. When we want to give them precious and valuable content, we must also let them have the same fun that they have with Nintendo or war games."

There are all kinds of games you could think of like Trivial Pursuit but with high cultural values — quizzes, adventure games exploring the centuries. I'm thinking of a hit parade between different centuries, making it so appealing that kids would have a hard time choosing which century they would wish to first.

Eurodisc will include scenes from popular historical movies. "It allows kids to receive hard-core information in a lively wrapping." While multimedia technology has been expanding since the 1980s, there are few creators — a word Leber prefers to director — who have the cultural background, technological skills and film know-how. Leber has them more or less by accident.

Born near Salzburg, he has a doctorate from Vienna in art history and psychology and studied at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles before going on to make feature films. In 1984 he went to MIT's Center for Advanced Visual Studies to learn how to integrate traditional media with new audiovisual technology.

"Once I went into this whole interactive business I thought why not come back to Europe and bring together the best of both worlds, high technology and the European cultural heritage." He has transferred his company, Iconomics, to France since launching Eurodisc with IBM.

Eurodisc is expected to cost \$9 million and to earn \$30 million over five years. Leber has been working with historians, graphic artists, technicians and a remarkably heavy complement of lawyers. "At the moment the biggest cost factor is copyrights. All the content is controlled by somebody — image banks, museums, photographers, you name it. Nowadays you can't even photograph the Eiffel Tower or the pyramids for commercial use without paying someone."

Europe is less well equipped with home computers and laser disk players than Japan and the United States, Leber says, although the disk is a European invention. "Europe is at the handicraft level, it's the Third World in terms of multimedia although we're the holders of the largest primary cultural resources." The field is so new that there is no way of imagining what its limits may be.

"It's like the first steps on a new continent, we are in the stone age of multimedia." To help the hyperactive interactive user take his own steps Leber has in mind what he calls navigational tools including what he describes as an Ariadne's thread "so that people can go from association to association back through the centuries and know where they are."

From the creator's point of view there are so many permutations that there is no relieving moment when he can call "cut" or say "it's a wrap." Sometimes, Leber says, he and his crew feel as if they are drowning. "That's edutainment." As the song very earnestly said, "That's edutainment."

WEATHER

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